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231st Annual Report



**CORNISH
NEW HAMPSHIRE
March 1998**

NOTICE

Please Read

TO DOG OWNERS:

- * All dogs over three months of age must be registered by May 1st.
- * Legal rates : males and females \$9.00, neutered males \$6.50, spayed females \$6.50. Owner over 65 \$2.00 for first dog, regular rates for additional dogs.
- * Rabies certificates required for registration.
- * **Failure to register makes owners liable for a \$15.00 fine and a \$1.00 penalty per month after June 1st. It's the law!**
- * Owners are liable for free running dogs. If in doubt, check the state statutes RSA:466. The penalties are severe.
- * **Rabies Clinic** will be on April 18, 1998, from 10 a.m. until noon at the Cornish Flat Fire Station. Please have your dog/cat on a leash or in a carrier. Dog licenses will be available. The veterinarian will be Ginny Prince, D.V.M.

TO PROPERTY OWNERS:

- * The law provides that those who do not return their inventory forms by April 15 not only lose their right to appeal their taxes but are now subject to a fine of not less than \$10.00 but up to and not over \$50.00.

TO THOSE BUILDING NEW OR MAKING CHANGES:

- * The Town building code requires permits to construct or remodel any building. There are exceptions. Check first with the Selectmen.

TO THOSE OPERATING IN OR NEAR WETLANDS OR WATERWAYS:

- * RSA 438-A A Dredge & Fill application must be filed with the Town Clerk before commencing work. Fines can be assessed for noncompliance.

Your cooperation in the above matters will save time and money for you and cut costs of town government.— The Selectmen

ALL EMERGENCIES - DIAL 911

NON-EMERGENCIES:

FIRE — 675-2221

POLICE — 543-0535

AMBULANCE-RESQUE SQUAD — 675-2221

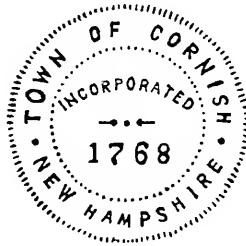
SELECTMEN — 675-5611

TOWN CLERK — 675-5207

TAX COLLECTOR — 675-5221

FAX — 675-5605

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and other
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CORNISH
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Year Ending December 31, 1997

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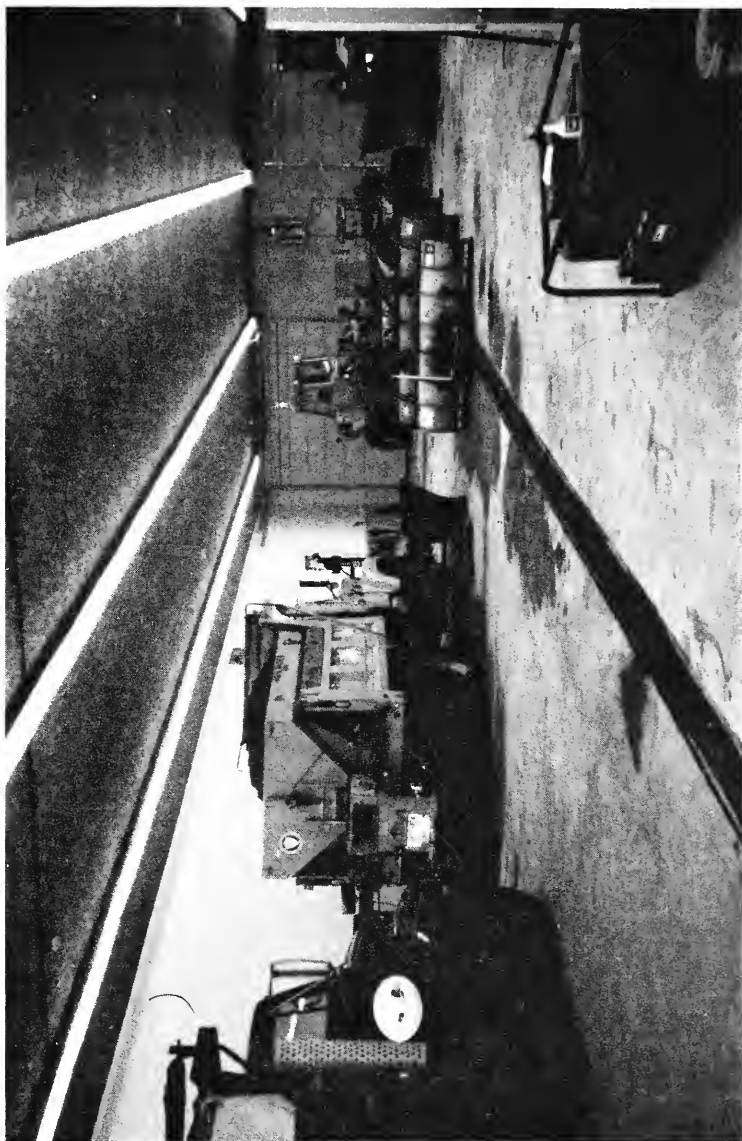
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Cover Photo: New Highway Garage
Photo by Fritz Hier



Inside the New Highway Garage
Photo by Fritz Hier

TOWN OFFICERS OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Town Clerk - 3 years

Reigh H. Rock (1998)
Anne M. Hier, Deputy

Town Treasurer - 1 year

William Caterino
Brent B. Edgerton, Deputy

Moderator - 2 years

Peter H. Burling (1998)

Selectmen - 3 years

Robert F. Maslan (1998)
Larry Dingee (1999)
Stuart A. Hodgeman (2000)

Tax Collector - 1 year

Reigh H. Rock
Anne Hier, Deputy

Supervisors of Checklist - 6 years

Robin Monette (1998)
Ruth G. Rollins (2000)
Leland E. Atwood (2002)

Trustee of Trust Funds - 3 years

Shirley Sullivan (1998)
Barbara Rawson (1999)
Joanne Sever (2000)

Trustees of George H. Stowell Library - 3 years

Kathryn H. Patterson (1998)
Pamela Gendron (1999)
Bernice F. Johnson (2000)

Overseer of Welfare - 1 year

Connie Kousman
Martha Zoerheide, Assistant
Judy Kaufman, Assistant

Highway Agent - 1 year Thomas Spaulding

Sexton - 1 year John J. Rock

Fence Viewers - 1 year

Alan Penfold Leo Maslan
Kay and Gary Wegner Fred Sullivan

Surveyors of Wood, Bark, & Lumber - 1 year

Orville Fitch Reyer Jaarsma
Leo Maslan James Neil
Robin Waterman Fred Weld

Hog Reeves - 1 year

Duane and Mary Jane Allen
Gar and Pam Hier
Elizabeth Buckley and Pablo
Land and Laura Cole

Representatives to the General Court - 2 years

Merle Schotanus, Grantham (1998)
Peter Hoe Burling (1998)

New Hampshire Executive Council - 2 years

Raymond S. Burton (1998)

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Police Officers - By Selectmen

Phillip Osgood, Chief
Scott Morse
William Wadsworth, III

Librarian - By Trustees of the Library

Katherine Freeland

Fire Chief - By Selectmen

Nathan Cass

Planning Board - By Selectmen - 3 years

John Hammond, Vice Chair (1998)
Larry Dingee, for Selectmen
J. Cheston Newbold, Chairman (1998)
John J. Rock (1999)
Lee Baker, (2000)
Peter C. Storrs, Recording Sec (2000)
Anne M. Hier, Secretary (2000)
Kathi Osterlund, Alternate (1999)

Zoning Board of Adjustment - By Moderator - 3 years

Eric Webb, Clerk and Secretary (1998)
Caroline Storrs, Vice Chair (1998)
Karim Chichakly, Chairman (1999)
Keith Beardslee (2000)
David Wood, Alternate
William S. Balch, Alternate
Bruce Tracy, Alternate
Dale Rook, Alternate

TOWN OFFICERS OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Conservation Commission - By Selectmen - 3 years

Herrika W. Poor, Chairman (1999)
 Don Snowdon (2000)
 Michael M. Yatsevitch (2000)
 Stuart Hodgeman, for Selectmen
 Brook Moore (2000)
 Janice Orion, Secretary (2000)
 Donna Bleazard (2000)
 Mariet Jaarsma, Alternate (1998)
 Nancy Newbold, Alternate (2000)
 Paul Queneau, Alternate (2000)
 Rae Ann Melloh, Alternate (2000)

Solid Waste Representatives - By Selectmen - 3 years

William Gallagher (2000)
 Donna Bleazard, Alternate (2000)

Historic District Commission - By Selectmen - 3 years

Caroline Storrs (1998)
 Nancy Newbold (1999)
 Tony Neidecker (1999)
 Stuart Hodgeman, for Selectmen
 John Dryfhout, Alternate (1998)
 Jenny Schad, Alternate (1999)
 James Atkinson, Alternate (1999)
 Nina Lloyd, Alternate (2000)
 Barbara Lewis, Alternate (2000)

Recreation Committee - By Selectmen

Paul Queneau
 Audrey Jacquier

Finance Committee - by Moderator - 3 years

William Caterino (1998)
 Alan Penfold (2000)
 Barbara Lewis (2000)
 John Collins, Chairman (2000)
 Susanne Lupien (2000)
 Bradford Churchill (2000)

Cornish Recycling Committee

Donna Bleazard	Leigh Callahan
Connie Kousman	Barbara Atherton
Nancy Wightman	Janice Orion
Rev Wightman	Pat Pinkson-Burke
Richard Thompson	Paul Atherton

Capital Equipment Committee- By Selectmen

Peter Lynch	Larry Duval
Larry Dingee (Chairman)	Milt Jewell
Don MacLeay	Scott Baker

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission- By Selectmen

J. Cheston Newbold Anne M. Hier Alt.

Records Preservation Committee - By Selectmen

Michael Yatsevitch MayBelle Rock
 Hannah Schad Bernice Johnson, Chair

CT River Resource Comm-Local River Subcommittee - By Selectmen

Jeremiah Evarts

Overseer of Covered Bridges - By Selectmen

Leo Maslan

Emergency Management Civil Defense

Director - By Selectmen Robert Maslan

Town Office Grounds Cttee - By Selectmen

Don Snowdon, Chair	Leo Maslan
Jim Osterlund	Jack Rock
Ellen Ballard	Denielle Neily
Reigh Rock	Duane Churchill

Selectmen's Special Agent - By Selectmen

Stuart Hodgeman

Auditors - By Selectmen

Plodzik and Sanderson

APPOINTMENTS BY STATE

Health Officer

Virginia Prince
 Jenny Schad, Asst

Forest Fire Warden - Nathan Cass

Forest Fire Deputy Wardens

Leo Maslan	Leland Atwood
Larry Dingee	Dale O'Connor
David Wood	Bob Rice

Ballot Clerks - By respective parties - 2 years

Marion Stone (R)	Paul Rollins (R)
	Sally Budlong (D)

River Commission - By Governor

J. Cheston Newbold

**1998 Warrant
The State of New Hampshire**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Cornish, in the County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the School Gymnasium in said Cornish on Tuesday, the 10th of March, next at 10:00 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1, 2 and 3 of the Warrant will be acted upon at 10:00 a.m. Voting will be by official ballot and checklist, and the polls will be open for this purpose and will remain open from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at which time the polls will close. The business portion of Town Meeting will begin at 12:00 noon. **Articles 4 through 16** will be acted upon at that time.

Article 1: To Choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2: Are you in favor of the amendment to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To add a new Article VI-A, "Telecommunications Facilities." A copy of the proposed amendment is located in the Town Clerk's Office. This amendment is submitted by the Selectmen and has the approval of the Planning Board.

Article 3: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 466:30-a which makes it unlawful for any dog to run at large, except when accompanied by the owner or a custodian, and when used for hunting, herding, supervised competition and exhibition or training for such. (Submitted by the Selectmen)

Article 4: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

(a)	Town Office	45,600
(b)	Election, Registration, Vital Statistics	4,500
(c)	Audit Town Books	4,000
(d)	Revaluation of Property	3,500
(e)	Legal Expenses	5,000
(f)	Planning Board	1,500
(g)	Zoning Board of Adjustment	500
(h)	Historic District Commission	100
(i)	Grounds	2,550
(j)	General Government Buildings	12,150
(k)	Cemeteries and Perpetual Care	20,450
(l)	Insurance (Excluding medical)	35,000
(m)	Regional Assoc (UV LSRPC)	1,543
(n)	Town Records Preservation	3,500
(o)	Spirit Committee	1,000
(p)	Police Department	56,344
(q)	Rescue Squad	4,400
(r)	Ambulance	15,133
(s)	Fire Department	30,575
(t)	Emergency Management	50
(u)	Transfer Station Tickets	7,000
(v)	Recycling	1,500
(w)	Hazardous Waste Recycling	1,000
(x)	Health Services	7,970
(y)	General Assistance	2,500
(z)	Parks & Recreation (CREA)	4,200
(z1)	Patriotic Purposes	300
(z2)	Conservation Commission Expenses	550
(z3)	Principal - Long Term Debt	62,800
(z4)	Interest - Long Term Debt	10,683
(z5)	Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	25,000
(z6)	Public Library Fund	8,730
(z7)	County Tax	Necessary Amount

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be placed in the Conservation Commission Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article)

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to be placed in the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article)

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000 to be placed in the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article)

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to be placed in the Police Department New Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article)

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in the Appraisal Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article)

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article)

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$289,198 for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges and snow removal from town buildings and school grounds. The sum of \$210,603 shall be raised by taxes for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges (and above mentioned snow removal), and the balance of \$78,595 to be received from the state as Highway Block Grant Funds for special maintenance projects on Class V Highways and Bridges. (Submitted by the Selectmen) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article)

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of taxes and to permit the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes as authorized under RSA 80:52a. (Submitted by the Selectmen) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article)

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 as "seed money" for upgrade of lighting and parking at the Town Office. (Submitted by the Selectmen)

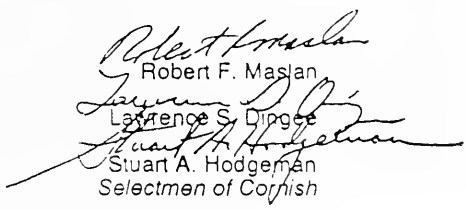
Article 14: To See if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$750 for the Planning Board to survey the town and/or have hearings regarding amending the Zoning Ordinance sections on Home Occupation, Cottage Industry, and Expanded Cottage Industry (Submitted by the Planning Board)

Article 15: To hear reports of Officers, Agents, Auditors, and Committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote in relation thereto.

Article 16: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hand and seal, this 17th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety eight.

Robert F. Maslan
Lawrence S. Dingee
Stuart A. Hodgeman
True Copy Attest


Robert F. Maslan
Lawrence S. Dingee
Stuart A. Hodgeman
Selectmen of Cornish

Cornish, NH Town Meeting Minutes March 11, 1997

The minutes of the Cornish Town Meeting held Tuesday the 11th of March 1997. Peter Burling, Moderator of the Town of Cornish, opened the polls at 10:00 am to begin the voting session of the Cornish Town Meeting. The Town Warrant was read in its entirety and Moderator Burling noted that the Warrant was properly certified by the Selectmen and that all the Selectmen's signatures were displayed on the back of the Warrant. Supervisors Of The Checklists signed both checklists and were sworn in by the Town Clerk, Reigh H. Rock. All names therein were in order being: Marion Stone, Eric Atwood, Sally Budlong and Mary Gilmore. The business portion of the meeting began at 12:00 noon with Reverend Dale Nicholas saying a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Article 1: Items printed on the ballots were voted on by the townspeople throughout the day. Article 1 was to choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year the results of the voting are as follows.

Selectmen for 3 years: Stuart A. Hodgeman received 292 votes, Greg Levesque received 1 vote, Bill Gallagher received 3 votes, Jim Lukash received 2 votes, Mike Yatsevitch received 1 vote, Anne Hier received 1 vote, Curt Wyman received 1 vote, Anthony Neidecker received 1 vote, Joan Baillargeon received 1 vote, Fred Schad received 1 vote, Don Macleay received 1 vote, Dan Charland received 1 vote and Harold Morse received 1 vote. Stuart A. Hodgeman was declared winner.

Town Treasurer for one year: William F. Caterino, Jr. received 295 votes, Reigh Rock received 1 vote, Brenda Jordan received 1 vote, Steve Parks received 1 vote. William F. Caterino was declared the winner.

Tax Collector for one year: Reigh H. Rock received 310 votes, Fred Schad received 1 vote. Reigh H. Rock was declared the winner.

Trustee of Library for three years: Bernice F. Johnson received 307 votes, Susan Weld received 2 votes, Hillary Downey received 1 vote and Kate Freeland received 1 vote. Bernice F. Johnson was declared the winner.

Overseer Of Welfare for one year: Constance Kousman received 299 votes, Kay Kibbie received 2 votes, Jean Duval received 1 vote. Constance Kousman was declared the winner.

Highway Agent for one year: Thomas E. Spaulding received 186 votes, Everette D. Cass received 74 votes, Edward A. Benware received 27 votes, Mike Duval received 18 votes, Bob Kibbie received 1 vote, Howard Morse received 1 vote and Charles DeAngelis received 1 vote. Thomas E. Spaulding was declared the winner.

Sexton for one year: John J. Rock received 304 votes, Darlene Guilette received 1 vote. John J. Rock was declared the winner.

Trustee Of Trust Funds for three years: Joanne Sever received 291 votes, Brenda Jordan received 1 vote, Barbara Rawson received 1 vote. Joanne Sever was declared the winner.

Article 2: Article 2 was voted on by the townspeople throughout the day by ballot. The question was: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town. (A three-fifths vote is required for passage) Yes=102 No=200

Article 3: Nate Cass moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$150,000 for the purpose of site preparation, which includes the removal of present buildings, and construction of a new highway garage to be located on town property at North Parsonage Road and to apply toward the cost of the project all grants received in addition to said sum; and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$150,000.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); to authorize the selectmen to issue and negotiate such

bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to invest said moneys; to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. (Passage requires a two-thirds vote by paper ballot.) This motion was seconded by Bob Maslan and was voted on by paper ballot with the results being: Yes-136 No-14.

Article 4: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

(a) Town Office - Sharon Atwood moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$45,950. The motion was seconded by Bob Bladen and voted on in the affirmative.

(b) Election, Registration, Vital Statistics - Bob Maslan moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$2,200.00. The motion was seconded by Larry Dingee and voted on in the affirmative.

(c) Audit Town Books - Bill Caterino moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$4000.00 . The motion was seconded by Ruth Rollins and voted on in the affirmative.

(d) Revaluation of Property - Fred Sullivan moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$3000.00. The motion was seconded by Doug Thayer and voted on in the affirmative.

(e) Legal Expenses - Helen Lovell moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$5000.00. The motion was seconded by Sharon Atwood and voted on in the affirmative.

(f) Planning Board - Anne Hier moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$1000.00. The motion was seconded by Judy Rook and voted on in the affirmative.

(g) Zoning Board of Adjustment - Dale Rook moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$500.00. The motion was seconded by Cheston Newbold and voted on in the affirmative.

(h) Grounds - Larry Dingee moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$2550.00. The motion was seconded by Bob Maslan and voted on in the affirmative.

(i) General Government Buildings - Ruth Rollins moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$11,750.00. The motion was seconded by Larry Dingee and voted on in the affirmative.

(j) Cemeteries and Perpetual Care - Jack Rock moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$20,000.00. The motion was seconded by Barbara Rawson and voted on in the affirmative.

(k) Insurance (Excluding medical) - Helen Lovell moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$36,000.00. The motion was seconded by Bob Maslan and voted on in the affirmative

(l) Regional Assoc (UV LSRPC) - Cheston Newbold moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$1543.00. The motion was seconded by Ruth Rollins and voted on in the affirmative.

(m) Town Records Preservation - Helen Lovell moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$3500.00. The motion was seconded by Stuart Hodgeman and voted on in the affirmative.

(n) Spirit Committee - Caroline Stoors moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$1000.00. The motion was seconded by Dale Nicholas and voted on in the affirmative.

(o) Police Department - Joe Osgood moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$56,344.00. The motion was seconded by Alan Penfold and voted on in the affirmative.

(p) Rescue Squad - Larry Dingee moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$4,250.00. The motion was seconded by Bob Maslan and voted on in the affirmative.

(q) Ambulance - Bob Maslan moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$15,133.00. The motion was seconded by Stuart Hodgeman and voted on in the affirmative.

(r) Fire Department - Nate Cass moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$25,825..00.

The motion was seconded by Dale Nicholas and voted on in the affirmative.

(s) Emergency Management - Bob Maslan moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$50.00. The motion was seconded by Larry Dingee and voted on in the affirmative.

(t) Transfer Station Tickets - Bob Maslan moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$7000.00. The motion was seconded by Bill Caterino and voted on in the affirmative.

(u) Recycling - Stuart Hodgeman moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$1500.00. The motion was seconded by Bob Maslan and voted on in the affirmative.

(v) Health Services - Dale Nicholas moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$7472.00. The motion was seconded by Helen Lovell and voted on in the affirmative.

(w) General Assistance- Helen Lovell moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$2500.00. The motion was seconded by Dale Nicholas and voted on in the affirmative.

(x) Parks & Recreation (CREA) Dan Charland moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$4200.00 . The motion was seconded by Barbara Balch and was voted on in the affirmative.

(y) Patriotic Purposes - Ruth Rollins moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$300.00. The motion was seconded by Helen Lovell and was voted on in the affirmative.

(z) Conservation Commission Expenses - Sharon Atwood moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$550.00. The motion was seconded by Helen Lovell and was voted on in the affirmative.

(z1) Principal - Long Term Debt - Bill Caterino moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$32,800.00. The motion was seconded by Larry Dingee and was voted on in the affirmative.

(z2) Interest - Long Term Debt - Bob Maslan moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$9000.00. The motion was seconded by Stuart Hodgeman and was voted on in the affirmative.

(z3) Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes - Stuart Hodgeman moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$20,000.00. The motion was seconded by Larry Dingee and voted on in the affirmative.

(z4) Public Library Fund - Helen Loved moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$8721.00. The motion was seconded by Dale Nicholas and voted on in the affirmative.

(z5) County Tax - Ruth Rollins moved that the Town raise and appropriate the necessary amount . The motion was seconded by Stuart Hodgeman and was voted on in the affirmative.

Article 5: Rickie Poor moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be placed in the Conservation Commission Fund. The motion was seconded by Larry Dingee and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 6: Larry Dingee moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to be placed in the Highway New Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Stuart Hodgeman and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 7: Nate Cass moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000 to be placed in the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Dale Rook and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 8: Bill Wadsworth moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to be placed in the Police Department New Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Joe Osgood and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 9: Stuart Hodgeman moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in the Appraisal Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Larry Dingee and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 10: Fred Sullivan moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Stuart Hodgeman and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 11: Larry Dingee moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$292,927 for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges and snow removal from town buildings and school grounds. The sum of \$210,603 shall be raised by taxes for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges (and above mentioned snow removal), and the balance of \$82,324 to be received from the state as Highway Block Grant Funds for special maintenance projects on Class V Highways and Bridges. The motion was seconded by Bob Maslan and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 12: Nate Cass moved that the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell, through advertised sealed bid, the current highway garage facility located on Route 120 in Cornish Flat. The Cornish Fire Department would remain in the facility at no cost. Funds from the sale of subject building would be used to defray costs associated with construction of a new highway garage. Bob Maslan seconded the motion and with a show of hands was voted on in the negative. 55 yes 67 no

Article 13: Stuart Hodgeman moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to repair the Mercer Bridge on Platt Road. The sum of \$20,000 to be withdrawn from the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. (The total cost of the project will be \$21,300. The remaining \$1,300 will be from Block Grant Funds) The motion was seconded by Bob Maslan and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 14: Helen Lovell moved that the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to completely discontinue Walker Drive, a short Class VI road off Paget Road. The motion was seconded by Stuart Hodgeman and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 15: Stuart Hodgeman moved that the Town vote to modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Cornish, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$10,000; for a person 75 years up to 80 years, \$15,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$20,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$18,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$25,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$40,000, excluding the value of the person's residence. The motion was seconded by Bob Maslan. Brook Moore moved that the motion be amended to double the amount of the exemptions - \$10,000 to \$20,000, \$15,000 to \$30,000 and \$20,000 to \$40,000. The motion was seconded by John Russ and voted on in the affirmative. The main question as amended was then voted on in the affirmative.

Article 16: Bernice Johnson moved that the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-d authorizing the library trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose, provided, however, that no acceptance of personal property by the library trustees shall be deemed to bind the Town or the library trustees to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property. This authorization shall remain in effect until rescinded by vote of the Town. The motion was seconded by Helen Lovell and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 17: Ruth Rollins moved that the Town vote to authorize the change in the purpose of the New Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to include the purchase of used, as

well as new, heavy highway equipment, and to change the name of the fund to The Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Dale Nicholas and voted on in the affirmative with more than 2/3 of the voters voting in the affirmative.

Article 18: Larry Dingee moved that the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell a town parcel of land, approximately 0.5 acres in size, Map 6, Lot 97, on the corner of Townhouse and South Parsonage Roads to the abutter Brad and Martha Churchill for a price of \$500 plus any costs. The motion was seconded by Bob Maslan. Terry Scott moved to amend the main motion to subject the land to no development. Jim Strout seconded the motion and was voted on in the negative. Mike Fuerst moved that the article be amended to read as follows - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell by quick claim deed a town parcel of land, approximately 0.5 acres in size, Map 6 Lot 97, on the corner of Townhouse and South Parsonage Roads to the abutter Brad and Martha Churchill for a price of \$500. plus any costs. The motion to amend was seconded by John Russ and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 19: Helen Lovell moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$1,000 to participate in an Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Program. Dale Nicholas seconded the motion and was voted on in the affirmative.

Article 20: Larry Dingee moved that the Town vote to authorize the prepayment of taxes and to permit the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes as authorized under RSA 80:52a. The motion was seconded by Bob Maslan and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 21: Ruth Rollins moved that the Town accept reports of Officers, Agents, Auditors, and Committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote in relation thereto. The motion was seconded by Dale Nicholas and voted on in the affirmative. Joe Osgood pointed out that there was a typing error in the Town Report book regarding the minutes of 1996 on article 12. This was regarding the election of the highway agent from a 1 year position to three year. It was voted on in the negative.

Article 22: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Stuart Hodgeman moved that the following people be Fence Viewers: Kay and Gary Wegner, Alan Penfold, Fred Sullivan and Leo Maslan. The motion was seconded by Bob Maslan and voted on in the affirmative.

Larry Dingee moved that member of Surveyor of Wood Bark and Lumber be the same as last year. The names being: Orville Fitch, Reyer Jaarsma, Leo Maslan, James Neil, Robin Waterman and Fred Weld. Stuart Hodgeman seconded the motion and was voted on in the affirmative.

Bob Maslan moved that the following people be Hog Reeves: Duane and Mary Jane Allen, Gar and Pam Hier, Elizabeth Buckley and Pablo and Land and Laura Cole. The motion was seconded by Anne Hier and voted on in the affirmative.

Larry Dingee moved that the meeting be suspended at 3:55 PM. This was seconded by Stuart Hodgeman and voted on in the affirmative. The voting continued until 7:00 PM at which time Moderator Burling closed the polls and the counting of ballots began.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reigh Helen Rock
Town Clerk

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

To the Members of the
Board of Selectmen
Town of Cornish
Cornish, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Cornish for the year ended December 31, 1996, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We are pleased to report that, during the course of our review of internal controls, no material weaknesses in the Town's accounting systems and records were identified. Minor weaknesses or other considerations coming to our attention were generally procedural in nature and dealt with administrative or recordkeeping practices. In these instances, we made specific recommendations or provided instruction to those individuals involved during the course of our audit fieldwork.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

April 17, 1997

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

To the Members of the
Board of Selectmen
Town of Cornish
Cornish, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Cornish as of and for the year ended December 31, 1996. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Cornish has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Cornish, as of December 31, 1996, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Cornish. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

April 17, 1997

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1998 BUDGET
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Revenues

	1997 Estimate	1997 Actual	1997 + (-)	1998 Estimate	Estimate + (-)
TAXES					
Land Use Change Taxes	1,000	4,072	3,072	1,000	0
Yield Taxes	25,000	25,824	824	5,000	(20,000)
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	112	102	(10)	102	(10)
Interest & Penalty on Taxes	25,000	29,836	4,836	25,000	0
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES					
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	135,000	166,617	31,617	155,000	20,000
Building Permits	500	630	130	500	0
Dog Licenses and Fines	1,500	1,479	(22)	1,500	0
Other Permits and Fees	300	315	15	300	0
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE & FEDERAL					
Shared Revenue	28,484	28,496	12	28,484	0
Highway Block Grant	85,647	85,647	0	78,595	(7,052)
Railroad Tax & Other	2,534	2,534	0	2,534	0
Bridge Aid					0
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
Zoning Board Fees	100	625	525	100	0
Planning Board Fees	300	1,260	960	500	200
Zoning/Subdivision Reg. Sales	85	100	15	85	0
Burial Fees	1,500	1,640	140	1,500	0
Highway Department Income	50	309	259	50	0
Police Department Income	6,870	5,839	(1,031)	6,870	0
Fire Department Income	200	0	(200)	200	0
Recycling Income	200	408	208	200	0
Transfer Station Ticket Sales	7,000	6,420	(580)	7,000	0
MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES					
Insurance Dividends	23,000	18,928	(4,072)	18,000	(5,000)
Rental of Town Property	400	835	435	500	100
Interest on Investments	25,000	39,805	14,805	30,000	5,000
Other Sources	1,000	17,977	16,977	1,000	0
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN					
Trust & Special Revenue Funds	5,225	5,856	631	5,100	(125)
Capital Reserve Funds	20,000	20,000	0	0	(20,000)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
Proceeds form long-term bonds	150,000	150,000	0	0	(150,000)
Use of Fund Balance	37,788		(37,788)	73,483	35,695
TOTAL REVENUES	583,795	615,555	31,760	442,603	(141,192)

Source: MS-4

1998 BUDGET
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

1998 Warrant Article	1997 Final Approp.	1997 Actual Expend	1997 Over (Under)	1998 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
4 GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
a Town Office	45,950	42,145	(3,805)	45,600	(350)
b Election/Reg/Vital Stats	2,200	1,005	(1,195)	4,500	2,300
c Audit Town Books	4,000	3,800	(200)	4,000	0
d Revaluation of Property	3,000	3,221	221	3,500	500
e Legal Expenses	5,000	3,596	(1,404)	5,000	0
f Planning Board	1,000	1,179	179	1,500	500
g Zoning Board	500	398	(102)	500	0
h Historic District Commission				100	100
i Grounds	2,550	2,339	(211)	2,550	0
j General Government Building	11,750	12,777	1,027	12,150	400
k Cemeteries/Perpetual Care	20,000	18,495	(1,505)	20,450	450
l Insurance(Exc. Medical)	36,000	33,598	(2,402)	35,000	(1,000)
m Regional Assn(UVLSRPC)	1,543	1,543	0	1,543	0
n Town Records Preservation	3,500	2,925	(575)	3,500	0
o Spirit Committee	1,000	192	(808)	1,000	0
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	137,993	127,213	(10,780)	140,893	2,900
PUBLIC SAFETY					
p Police Department	56,344	50,103	(6,241)	56,344	0
q Rescue Squad	4,250	4,250	0	4,400	150
r Ambulance	15,133	15,102	(31)	15,133	0
s Fire Department	25,825	25,959	134	30,575	4,750
t Emergency Management	50	38	(12)	50	0
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	101,602	95,451	(6,151)	106,502	4,900
HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES					
11 Class V Highways	207,280	201,232	(6,048)	210,603	3,323
11 Highway Block Grant	85,647	85,647	0	78,595	(7,052)
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPT	292,927	286,879	(6,048)	289,198	(3,729)
SANITATION					
u Transfer Station Tickets	7,000	7,200	200	7,000	0
v Recycling	1,500	744	(756)	1,500	0
w Hazardous Waste Recycling	1,000	613	(387)	1,000	0
TOTAL SANITATION	9,500	8,557	(943)	9,500	0
HEALTH AND WELFARE					
x Health Services	7,472	7,134	(339)	7,970	498
y General Assistance	2,500	384	(2,116)	2,500	0
TOTAL HEALTH & WELFARE	9,972	7,518	(2,455)	10,470	498

1998 BUDGET
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

1998 Warrant Article		1997 Final Approp.	1997 Actual Expend	1997 Over (Under)	1998 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
CULTURE & RECREATION						
z	Parks & Recreation(CREA)	4,200	4,050	(150)	4,200	0
z1	Patriotic Purposes	300	370	70	300	0
	TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	4,500	4,420	(80)	4,500	0
CONSERVATION						
z2	Conservation Commission	550	372	(178)	550	0
	TOTAL CONSERVATION	550	372	(178)	550	0
DEBT SERVICE						
z3	Principal-Long-Term Debt	32,800	32,800	0	62,800	30,000
z4	Interest-Long-Term Debt	9,000	9,035	35	10,683	1,683
z5	Interest-Tax Anticip. Notes	20,000	25,207	5,207	25,000	5,000
	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	61,800	67,042	5,242	98,483	36,683
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT						
z6	Public Library Fund	8,721	8,721	0	8,730	9
5	Conservation Fund	3,000	3,178	178	3,000	0
6	Highway Capital Reserve	35,000	35,000	0	35,000	0
7	Fire Capital Reserve	13,000	13,000	0	13,000	0
8	Police Capital Reserve	4,000	4,000	0	4,000	0
9	Appraisal Reserve Fund	5,000	5,000	0	5,000	0
10	Bridge Capital Reserve	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0
	TOTAL TRANSFERS OUT	78,721	78,899	178	78,730	9
	TOTAL BEFORE CAPITAL/OTHER	697,565	676,349	(21,216)	738,826	41,261
CAPITAL OUTLAY & OTHER ARTICLES						
96	Highway Signs(6)	0	4,036	4,036		
96	Highway Garage Plans(11)	0	120	120		
97	New Highway Garage(3)	150,000	150,000			(150,000)
97	Bridge Repair(13)	20,000	20,000			(20,000)
13	Town Office Grounds				5,000	5,000
14	Planning Board				750	750
	TOTAL CAPITAL & OTHER	170,000	174,156	4,156	5,750	(164,250)
	TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATIONS	867,565	850,506	(17,059)	744,576	(122,989)
z7	County Appropriation	231,958	231,958	0	Necessary Amount	

Source: MS-6

ESTIMATED TAX BURDEN
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

1998 Warrant Article	1998 Proposed Budget	1998 Estimated Revenue	Estimated Tax Burden	Rate Per \$1000
4 GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
a Town Office	45,600	1,800	43,800	0.53
b Election/Reg/Vital Stats	4,500		4,500	0.05
c Audit Town Books	4,000		4,000	0.05
d Revaluation of Property	3,500		3,500	0.04
e Legal Expenses	5,000		5,000	0.06
f Planning Board	1,500	585	915	0.01
g Zoning Board of Adjustment	500	100	400	0.00
h Historic District Commission	100		100	0.00
i Grounds	2,550		2,550	0.03
j General Government Buildings	12,150	500	11,650	0.14
k Cemeteries & Perpetual Care	20,450	6,600	13,850	0.17
l Insurance(Excluding Medical)	35,000	18,000	17,000	0.20
m Regional Assn(UVLSRPC)	1,543		1,543	0.02
n Town Records Preservation	3,500		3,500	0.04
o Spirit Committee	1,000		1,000	0.01
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	140,893	27,585	113,308	1.36
PUBLIC SAFETY				
p Police Department	56,344	6,870	49,474	0.60
q Rescue Squad	4,400		4,400	0.05
r Ambulance	15,133		15,133	0.18
s Fire Department	30,575	200	30,375	0.37
t Emergency Management	50		50	0.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	106,502	7,070	99,432	1.20
HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES				
11 Class V Highways	210,603	50	210,553	2.53
11 Highway Block Grant	78,595	78,595	0	0.00
TOTAL HIGHWAYS, STREETS, BRIDGES	289,198	78,645	210,553	2.53
SANITATION				
u Transfer Station Tickets	7,000	7,000	0	0.00
v Recycling	1,500	200	1,300	0.02
w Hazardous Waste Recycling	1,000		1,000	0.01
TOTAL SANITATION	9,500	7,200	2,300	0.03
HEALTH AND WELFARE				
x Health Services	7,970	1,500	6,470	0.08
y General Assistance	2,500		2,500	0.03
TOTAL HEALTH AND WELFARE	10,470	1,500	8,970	0.11

ESTIMATED TAX BURDEN
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

1998 Warrant Article	1998 Proposed Budget	1998 Estimated Revenue	Estimated Tax Burden	Rate Per \$1000
CULTURE & RECREATION				
z Parks & Recreation(CREA)	4,200		4,200	0.05
z1 Patriotic Purposes	300		300	0.00
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	4,500	0	4,500	0.05
CONSERVATION				
z2 Conservation Commission	550		550	0.01
TOTAL CONSERVATION	550	0	550	0.01
DEBT SERVICE				
z3 Principal-Long-Term Debt	62,800	62,800	0	0.00
z4 Interest -Long-Term Debt	10,683	10,683	0	0.00
z5 Interest-Tax Anticip. Notes	25,000	25,000	0	0.00
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	98,483	98,483	0	0.00
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT				
z6 Public Library Fund	8,730		8,730	0.11
5 Conservation Commission Fund	3,000		3,000	0.04
6 Highway Capital Reserve	35,000		35,000	0.42
7 Fire Capital Reserve	13,000		13,000	0.16
8 Police Capital Reserve	4,000		4,000	0.05
9 Appraisal Reserve Fund	5,000		5,000	0.06
10 Bridge Capital Reserve	10,000		10,000	0.12
TOTAL OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	78,730	0	78,730	0.95
OTHER OFFSETTING REVENUE				
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		155,000	(155,000)	-1.87
Interest and Penalty on Taxes		25,000	(25,000)	-0.30
Other Taxes and Fees		11,102	(11,102)	-0.13
Unrestricted State Revenue		31,018	(31,018)	-0.37
TOTAL BEFORE CAPITAL & OTHER	738,826	442,603	296,223	3.57
CAPITAL OUTLAY & OTHER ARTICLES				
13 Town Office Grounds	5,000		5,000	0.06
14 Planning Board	750		750	0.01
TOTAL CAPITAL & OTHER	5,750	0	5,750	0.07
TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATIONS	744,576	442,603	301,973	3.64
Add: Refunds, Abatements & Credits			29,053	0.35
Deduct: State Shared Revenues			(8,186)	-0.10
TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY TAXES			322,840	3.89

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	December 31 1997	December 31 1996
ASSETS		
Cash and Short Term Investments	682,929	628,377
Petty Cash	200	200
Due from FEMA		308
Uncollected Property Taxes	255,367	273,336
Uncollected Land Use Taxes	0	2,491
Uncollected Yield Taxes	2,358	517
Unredeemed Taxes	<u>85,701</u>	<u>93,754</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>1,026,555</u>	<u>998,983</u>
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Accounts Payable	0	39,000
Due to Conservation Fund	6,072	2,246
Due to School District	716,418	713,631
Deferred Tax Revenue	10,300	6,000
Fund Balance:		
Reserved for Encumbrances	0	3,120
Undesignated	<u>293,765</u>	<u>234,987</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>1,026,555</u>	<u>998,983</u>

Source: MS-5-Part 2

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Year Ended December 31, 1997

	Budget	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES			
Property taxes assessed	2,276,163	2,277,268	1,105
Less war service credits	(14,000)	(14,000)	0
Property tax commitment	2,262,163	2,263,268	1,105
Less refunds, abatements & adj.	(15,053)	(9,320)	5,733
Net property tax revenue	2,247,110	2,253,949	6,839
Other taxes	51,112	59,834	8,722
Licenses, permits & fees	137,300	169,041	31,741
State of New Hampshire	150,351	150,364	13
Income from departments	16,305	16,602	297
Miscellaneous sources	49,400	77,546	28,146
Operating transfers in	5,225	5,856	631
Capital reserve funds	20,000	20,000	0
Proceeds from long term bonds	150,000	150,000	0
TOTAL REVENUES	2,826,803	2,903,190	76,387
EXPENDITURES			
General government	137,993	127,213	10,780
Public safety	101,602	95,451	6,151
Highways, streets, bridges	292,927	286,879	6,048
Sanitation	9,500	8,557	943
Health and welfare	9,972	7,518	2,455
Culture and recreation	4,500	4,420	80
Conservation	550	372	178
Debt service	61,800	67,042	(5,242)
Operating transfers out	78,721	78,899	(178)
Capital and other articles	170,000	174,156	(4,156)
County appropriation	231,958	231,958	0
School appropriation	1,765,068	1,765,068	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,864,591	2,847,532	17,059
Less carryovers from prior year		(3,120)	3,120
Plus carryovers to next year			0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CARRYOVERS	2,864,591	2,844,412	20,179
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER			
NET EXPENDITURES AND CARRYOVERS	(37,788)	58,778	96,566
Fund Balance January 1, 1997	234,987	234,987	
FUND BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1997	197,199	293,765	96,566

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	1997 Final Approp.	1997 Actual Expend	1997 Over (Under)	1998 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
TOWN OFFICE					
Salaries and wages	23,000	20,935	(2,065)	23,000	0
FICA(SS)-Town portion	2,300	2,425	125	2,500	200
Advertising	250	453	203	400	150
Memberships	750	704	(46)	750	0
Postage	1,800	1,672	(128)	1,800	0
Computer lease & service	3,900	3,467	(433)	3,600	(300)
Computer maintenance	1,000	300	(700)	800	(200)
Office supplies	2,200	2,356	156	2,200	0
Town clerk reference books	150	0	(150)	150	0
Town report cost	2,500	1,867	(633)	2,500	0
Mileage	1,500	1,620	120	1,500	0
Training and education	600	363	(237)	500	(100)
Town clerk fee-vehicles	3,300	3,272	(29)	3,300	0
Town clerk fee-various	100	(1)	(101)	100	0
Registry of deeds costs	500	497	(4)	400	(100)
Telephone-Selectmen	700	614	(86)	700	0
Telephone-Tax Collector	400	441	41	400	0
Telephone-Town Clerk	700	899	199	800	100
Miscellaneous expenses	300	261	(39)	200	(100)
TOTAL	45,950	42,145	(3,805)	45,600	(350)
ELECTION/REGISTRATION/VITAL STATS					
Salaries and wages	1,500	713	(787)	3,700	2,200
FICA(SS)-Town portion	125	26	(99)	125	0
Advertising	175	41	(134)	175	0
Postage	25	22	(3)	25	0
Office supplies	25	6	(19)	25	0
Mileage	50	51	1	150	100
Miscellaneous	200	136	(64)	200	0
Vital statistics fees	100	11	(90)	100	0
TOTAL	2,200	1,005	(1,195)	4,500	2,300
AUDIT TOWN BOOKS					
Audit fee	4,000	3,800	(200)	4,000	0
TOTAL	4,000	3,800	(200)	4,000	0
REVALUATION OF PROPERTY					
Reappraisal expenses	3,000	3,221	221	3,500	500
TOTAL	3,000	3,221	221	3,500	500
LEGAL EXPENSES					
Legal fees & damages	5,000	3,596	(1,404)	5,000	0
TOTAL	5,000	3,596	(1,404)	5,000	0
PLANNING BOARD					
Advertising	300	296	(4)	500	200
Postage	300	500	200	600	300
Mileage	100	88	(13)	100	0
Training and education	100	105	5	100	0
Miscellaneous expenses	200	191	(9)	200	0
TOTAL	1,000	1,179	179	1,500	500

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	1997 Final Approp.	1997 Actual Expend	1997 Over (Under)	1998 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT					
Advertising	300	212	(88)	300	0
Postage	150	125	(25)	150	0
Training and education	50	60	10	50	0
TOTAL	500	398	(102)	500	0
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION					
Miscellaneous expenses				100	100
TOTAL	0	0	0	100	100
GROUNDS					
Salaries and wages	2,115	1,970	(145)	2,115	0
FICA(SS)-Town's portion	160	151	(9)	160	0
Mileage	25	15	(10)	25	0
Miscellaneous expenses	100	204	104	100	0
Maintainence-pickup truck	150	0	(150)	150	0
TOTAL	2,550	2,339	(211)	2,550	0
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS					
Salaries and wages	1,900	2,013	113	1,900	0
FICA(SS)-Town's portion	150	154	4	150	0
Electricity-Town office	2,000	2,165	165	2,000	0
Electricity-Town hall	1,000	1,967	967	1,500	500
Heat-Town office	1,800	1,387	(413)	1,500	(300)
Heat-Town hall	2,000	2,679	679	2,500	500
Rubbish removal	1,200	1,385	185	1,200	0
Miscellaneous expenses	400	112	(288)	400	0
Building maintenance	900	222	(678)	500	(400)
Maintenance supplies	400	694	294	500	100
TOTAL	11,750	12,777	1,027	12,150	400
CEMETERIES & PERPETUAL CARE					
Salaries and wages	9,300	9,910	610	8,800	(500)
FICA(SS)-Town's portion	875	1,149	274	875	0
Office supplies	50	0	(50)	50	0
Mileage	400	184	(216)	400	0
Equipment, tools & supplies	650	828	178	650	0
Gasoline	100	12	(88)	400	300
Diesel fuel	100	0	(100)	250	150
Hired equipment	300	0	(300)	300	0
Miscellaneous expenses	250	21	(229)	250	0
Maintenance-pickup truck	400	132	(268)	400	0
Equipment repair/maintenance	400	154	(246)	400	0
Maintenance supplies	1,000	507	(493)	1,000	0
Perpetual care expenses	4,500	4,040	(460)	5,000	500
Sanderson Fund expenses	175	0	(175)	175	0
Burial expenses	1,500	1,559	59	1,500	0
TOTAL	20,000	18,495	(1,505)	20,450	450

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	1997 Final Approp.	1997 Actual Expend	1997 Over (Under)	1998 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
INSURANCE(EXCLUDING MEDICAL)					
Property/liability premiums	36,000	33,598	(2,402)	35,000	(1,000)
TOTAL	36,000	33,598	(2,402)	35,000	(1,000)
REGIONAL ASSOCIATION					
Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee					
Regional Planning Council	1,543	1,543	0	1,543	0
TOTAL	1,543	1,543	0	1,543	0
TOWN RECORD PRESERVATION					
Preservation expenses	3,500	2,925	(575)	3,500	0
TOTAL	3,500	2,925	(575)	3,500	0
SPIRIT COMMITTEE					
Project expenses	1,000	192	(808)	1,000	0
TOTAL	1,000	192	(808)	1,000	0
POLICE DEPARTMENT					
Salaries and wages	28,000	28,652	652	28,000	0
Salaries and wages-part time	7,124	3,080	(4,044)	7,124	0
Salaries and wages-special	4,202	3,708	(494)	4,202	0
FICA(SS)-Town's portion	3,010	2,711	(299)	3,010	0
Medical ins.-Town's portion	2,550	2,545	(5)	2,550	0
Memberships	50	0	(50)	50	0
Postage	50	12	(38)	50	0
Office supplies	450	147	(303)	450	0
Mileage	100	0	(100)	100	0
Training and education	200	80	(120)	200	0
Telephone	1,260	1,345	85	1,260	0
Uniforms	700	213	(487)	700	0
Dispatch	5,348	5,401	53	5,348	0
Gasoline	1,200	619	(581)	1,200	0
Miscellaneous expenses	100	144	44	100	0
Equipment repair/maintenance	700	976	276	700	0
Radio repair/maintenance	300	343	43	300	0
Vehicle maintenance	1,000	128	(872)	1,000	0
TOTAL	56,344	50,103	(6,241)	56,344	0
RESCUE SQUAD					
Rescue squad contribution	4,250	4,250	0	4,400	150
TOTAL	4,250	4,250	0	4,400	150
AMBULANCE					
Town of Windsor	7,548	7,548	0	7,548	0
Golden Cross	7,585	7,554	(31)	7,585	0
TOTAL	15,133	15,102	(31)	15,133	0

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	1997 Final Approp.	1997 Actual Expend	1997 Over (Under)	1998 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
FIRE DEPARTMENT					
Subscriptions	75	0	(75)	75	0
Memberships	1,000	248	(752)	1,000	0
Postage	50	8	(42)	50	0
Mileage	400	300	(100)	400	0
Training and education	200	82	(118)	200	0
Telephone	1,100	987	(113)	1,100	0
Electricity-Rt 120 station	250	276	26	250	0
Electricity-Town House sta.	1,100	1,116	16	1,100	0
Heat-Rt 120 station	1,100	1,140	40	1,100	0
Heat-Town House station	800	1,294	494	1,200	400
Fire equipment purchases	2,000	1,455	(545)	4,000	2,000
Protective clothing	2,000	5,978	3,978	2,000	0
Radio & pager replacement	1,500	1,548	48	1,500	0
Hose replacement	750	0	(750)	750	0
Forest fire expenses	1,000	79	(921)	1,000	0
Dispatch	3,200	3,020	(180)	3,200	0
Mutual aid	150	60	(90)	0	(150)
Gasoline	600	515	(85)	600	0
Diesel fuel	500	382	(118)	500	0
Miscellaneous expenses	150	124	(26)	150	0
Equipment repair/maintenance	1,000	6	(994)	1,000	0
Radio repair/maintenance	1,000	381	(619)	1,000	0
Maintenance-Town House sta.	750	1,146	396	1,750	1,000
Maintenance-Rt 120 station	750	123	(627)	750	0
Maintenance-engine 1	1,000	2,069	1,069	2,000	1,000
Maintenance-engine 2	1,000	459	(541)	1,000	0
Maintenance-tanker	1,000	1,189	189	1,500	500
Maintenance-forestry truck	500	421	(79)	500	0
Maintenance-utility truck	500	414	(86)	500	0
Maintenance-SCBA	400	1,136	736	400	0
TOTAL	25,825	25,959	134	30,575	4,750
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT					
Civil defense	50	38	(12)	50	0
TOTAL	50	38	(12)	50	0

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	1997 Final Approp.	1997 Actual Expend	1997 Over (Under)	1998 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES					
Salaries and wages	63,292	58,128	(5,164)	63,292	0
Salaries and wages-part time	3,000	5,612	2,612	7,500	4,500
Salaries and wages-overtime	14,000	14,872	872	14,000	0
FICA(SS)-Town's portion	5,911	6,209	298	6,511	600
Retirement-Town's portion	3,100	3,717	617	3,100	0
Medical ins.-Town's portion	7,500	5,090	(2,410)	8,100	600
Telephone	500	1,103	603	600	100
Electricity-Parsonage Rd	1,300	1,779	479	1,000	(300)
Electricity-Rt 120	200	330	130	200	0
Heat-Parsonage Rd	1,000	1,968	968	1,000	0
Heat-Rt 120	1,100	957	(143)	0	(1,100)
Uniforms	2,600	3,174	574	2,600	0
Gasoline	300	1,063	763	200	(100)
Diesel fuel	9,000	11,672	2,672	9,000	0
Motor oil	1,000	613	(387)	1,000	0
Asphalt and tar	1,500	543	(957)	1,500	0
Gravel	15,677	4,144	(11,533)	16,000	323
Sand	9,000	13,780	4,780	9,500	500
Salt	1,400	2,092	692	2,000	600
Chloride	500	0	(500)	500	0
Culverts	4,000	2,088	(1,912)	3,000	(1,000)
Road supplies	11,000	12,495	1,495	11,800	800
Hired equipment	12,000	10,985	(1,015)	12,000	0
Rubbish removal	200	221	21	200	0
Maintenance-pickup truck	1,000	571	(429)	1,000	0
Major repairs-88 Int'l	2,000	1,999	(1)	2,000	0
Major repairs-96 Int'l	1,000	884	(116)	1,000	0
Major repairs-82/83 grader	7,000	6,787	(213)	5,000	(2,000)
Major repairs-84 loader	5,000	3,636	(1,364)	5,000	0
Major repairs-90 Int'l	4,000	2,391	(1,609)	4,000	0
Equipment repair/maintenance	15,000	17,102	2,102	15,000	0
Radio repair/maintenance	1,000	978	(22)	1,000	0
Building maintenance	2,200	4,247	2,047	2,000	(200)
TOTAL	207,280	201,232	(6,048)	210,603	3,323
BLOCK GRANT					
Salaries and wages	25,638	24,586	(1,052)	25,638	0
Salaries and wages-part time	2,900	3,037	137	2,900	0
FICA(SS)-Town's portion	2,181	1,917	(264)	2,181	0
Project Management	5,000	550	(4,450)	1,000	(4,000)
Asphalt and tar	27,760	45,264	17,504	25,708	(2,052)
Gravel	10,000	4,199	(5,801)	10,000	0
Culverts	5,000	0	(5,000)	4,000	(1,000)
Hired equipment	7,168	6,093	(1,075)	7,168	0
TOTAL	85,647	85,647	0	78,595	(7,052)

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	1997 Final Approp.	1997 Actual Expend	1997 Over (Under)	1998 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
SANITATION					
Transfer station ticket cost	7,000	7,200	200	7,000	0
Recycling expenses	1,500	744	(756)	1,500	0
Hazardous waste recycling	1,000	613	(387)	1,000	0
TOTAL	9,500	8,557	(943)	9,500	0
HEALTH					
Health department expenses	50	0	(50)	50	0
Animal control expenses	500	212	(289)	500	0
Visiting Nurse Association	2,672	2,672	0	3,170	498
Community Youth Advocates	2,500	2,500	0	2,500	0
Sullivan County Hospice	250	250	0	250	0
Stoughton House, Inc.	1,000	1,000	0	1,000	0
Southwest Community Services	500	500	0	500	0
TOTAL	7,472	7,134	(339)	7,970	498
WELFARE					
General assistance	2,500	384	(2,116)	2,500	0
TOTAL	2,500	384	(2,116)	2,500	0
CULTURE AND RECREATION					
Parks & recreation(CREA)	4,200	4,050	(150)	4,200	0
Patriotic exp.-Memorial Day	300	370	70	300	0
TOTAL	4,500	4,420	(80)	4,500	0
CONSERVATION					
Conservation Commission exp.	550	372	(178)	550	0
TOTAL	550	372	(178)	550	0
DEBT SERVICE					
Principal-long-term debt	32,800	32,800	0	62,800	30,000
Interest-long-term debt	9,000	9,035	35	10,683	1,683
Interest-tax anticip. notes	20,000	25,207	5,207	25,000	5,000
Interest-bond anticip. notes	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	61,800	67,042	5,242	98,483	36,683
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT					
Library Fund	8,721	8,721	0	8,730	9
Conservation Fund	3,000	3,178	178	3,000	0
Highway Capital Reserve Fund	35,000	35,000	0	35,000	0
Fire Capital Reserve Fund	13,000	13,000	0	13,000	0
Police Capital Reserve Fund	4,000	4,000	0	4,000	0
Appraisal Reserve Fund	5,000	5,000	0	5,000	0
Bridge Capital Reserve Fund	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0
TOTAL	78,721	78,899	178	78,730	9
TOTAL TOWN EXPENDITURES BEFORE ARTICLES	697,565	676,349	(21,216)	738,826	41,261

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	1997 Final Approp.	1997 Actual Expend	1997 Over (Under)	1998 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
ARTICLES					
96 Art 6 Highway signs		4,036	4,036		
96 Art 11 Garage Plans		120	120		
97 Art 3 Highway Garage	150,000	150,000	0		(150,000)
97 Art 13 Bridge Repair	20,000	20,000	0		(20,000)
98 Art 13 Town Office Grounds				5,000	5,000
98 Art 14 Planning Board				750	750
TOTAL	170,000	174,156	4,156	5,750	1,594
TOTAL TOWN EXPENDITURES	867,565	850,506	(17,059)	744,576	(122,989)
County Appropriation	231,958	231,958	0	NECESSARY AMOUNT	
School Appropriation	1,765,068	1,765,068	0	NECESSARY AMOUNT	
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,864,591	2,847,532	(17,059)		

LONG TERM DEBT
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
December 31, 1997

PAYMENT DATE	HIGHWAY INTEREST	GARAGE PRINCIPAL	TOWN OFFICE INTEREST	PRINCIPAL	TOTAL PAYMENT
June 15, 1998	4,087.50	30,000.00	1,658.22		35,745.72
December 15, 1998	3,270.00		1,667.33	32,800.00	37,737.33
June 15, 1999	3,270.00	30,000.00	829.11		34,099.11
December 15, 1999	2,452.50		833.67	32,800.00	36,086.17
June 15, 2000	2,452.50	30,000.00			32,452.50
December 15, 2000	1,635.00				1,635.00
June 15, 2001	1,635.00	30,000.00			31,635.00
December 15, 2001	817.50				817.50
June 15, 2002	817.50	30,000.00			30,817.50
Totals	20,437.50	150,000.00	4,988.33	65,600.00	241,025.83

Debt Service Totals By Year:	INTEREST	PRINCIPAL	TOTAL
1998	10,683.05	62,800.00	73,483.05
1999	7,385.28	62,800.00	70,185.28
2000	4,087.50	30,000.00	34,087.50
2001	2,452.50	30,000.00	32,452.50
2002	817.50	30,000.00	30,817.50
Totals	25,425.83	215,600.00	241,025.83

TAX RATE COMPUTATION
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	1997	1996	1995
Total Town Appropriations	867,565	920,628	628,956
Add: Allowance for Refunds & Abatements	15,053	14,640	14,499
War Service Credits:			
Disabled Veterans @ \$1400	2,800	1,400	4,200
All Other Veterans @ \$100	11,200	11,200	11,700
Deduct: Non-Property Tax Town Revenues	(583,795)	(578,797)	(328,956)
State Shared Revenues	(8,186)	(8,774)	(8,856)
Town Taxes To Be Raised	304,637	360,297	321,543
School Tax Assessment	1,765,068	1,583,131	1,550,721
Deduct: State Shared Revenues	(21,963)	(23,541)	(23,761)
School Taxes To Be Raised	1,743,105	1,559,590	1,526,960
County Tax Assessment	231,958	192,538	195,671
Deduct: State Shared Revenues	(3,537)	(3,791)	(3,827)
County Taxes To Be Raised	228,421	188,747	191,844
TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES TO BE RAISED	2,276,163	2,108,634	2,040,347
Divide by Assessed Valuation	83,071,660	82,400,713	82,571,737
TOTAL TAX RATE PER \$1000 OF VALUATION	27.40	25.59	24.71
TAX RATE BREAKDOWN	1997	1996	1995
Town Rate Per \$1000 of Valuation	3.67	4.37	3.90
School Rate Per \$1000 of Valuation	20.98	18.93	18.49
County Rate Per \$1000 of Valuation	2.75	2.29	2.32
TOTAL RATE	27.40	25.59	24.71

Source: New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	1997 Acres	1997 Assessed Valuation	1996 Assessed Valuation	1995 Assessed Valuation
Value of Land Only				
In Current Use at				
Current Use Values	22,534.52	2,006,639	1,455,892	1,359,342
Residential	3,499.09	29,180,874	29,639,431	30,767,205
Commercial/Industrial	3.71	198,800	188,500	228,900
TOTAL OF TAXABLE LAND	26,037.32	31,386,313	31,283,823	32,355,447
Value of Buildings Only				
Residential		49,517,768	48,583,818	48,961,318
Manufactured Housing		106,700	106,700	0
Commercial/Industrial		1,270,700	1,270,700	89,300
TOTAL OF TAXABLE BUILDINGS		50,895,168	49,961,218	49,050,618
Public Utilities-Electric				
Central Vermont Public Service		78,893	84,923	84,923
Connecticut Valley Electric		447,872	439,672	439,672
Granite State Electric		108,452	88,884	88,884
New England Power		381,426	403,489	403,489
New Hampshire Electric Co-op		735,986	637,454	637,454
TOTAL PUBLIC UTILITIES		1,752,629	1,654,422	1,654,422
GRAND TOTAL VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTION		84,034,110	82,899,463	83,060,487
Less Exemptions:				
Blind(0 in 1997)		0	(30,000)	(30,000)
Elderly(25 in 1997)		(828,700)	(360,000)	(375,000)
Handicapped/Disabled(3 in 1997)		(133,750)	(108,750)	(83,750)
NET VALUATION ON WHICH				
TAX RATE IS COMPUTED		83,071,660	82,400,713	82,571,737

CURRENT USE REPORT FOR 1997

	Acres Granted in Prior Years	Acres Granted in Year(A)	Acres Removed in Year	Total Acres At End of Year(B)
Farm Land	2,280.71	76.68		2,357.39
Forest Land	18,536.05	1,519.81	28.07	20,027.79
Wetland	123.20	24.14		147.34
TOTAL ACRES IN CURRENT USE	20,939.96	1,620.63	28.07	22,532.52

(A) 12 owners granted current use during year

(B) Equals 605 parcels of which 7402.59 acres get 20% recreation adjustment

Source: MS-1

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Year Ended December 31, 1997

SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS

	1997	1996	1995
Uncollected Taxes-Start of Year:			
Property Taxes		273,335.63	
Land Use Change		2,491.30	
Yield Taxes			516.96
Taxes Committed in 1996			
Property Taxes	2,263,268.24		
Land Use Change	10,144.50		
Yield Taxes	25,823.97		
Overpayments			
Property Taxes	1,554.60	1,531.90	
Interest on Property Taxes	678.31	11,918.33	
Interest on Land Use Taxes	275.58		
Interest on Yield Taxes	17.40		
TOTAL DEBITS	2,301,762.60	289,277.16	516.96
Funds Remitted to Treasurer			
Property Taxes	2,006,186.81	272,388.48	
Land Use Change	10,144.50	2,491.30	
Yield Taxes	23,725.80		
Interest on Property Taxes	678.31	11,918.33	
Interest on Land Use Taxes	275.58		
Interest on Yield Taxes	17.40		
Less Abatements Made During Year			
Property Taxes	3,320.59	2,629.40	
Land Use Change			
Yield Taxes	257.00		
Excess Debits(Credits)	(51.56)	(150.35)	
Uncollected Taxes-End of Year			
Property Taxes	255,367.00	0.00	0.00
Land Use Change	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	1,841.17	0.00	516.96
TOTAL CREDITS	2,301,762.60	289,277.16	516.96

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Year Ended December 31, 1997

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

	1996	1995	1994 & Prior
Balance of Unredeemed Tax Liens			
At Beginning of Year		58,537.21	35,216.42
Liens Executed During Year			
Sold to Town	58,348.05		
Interest and Costs Collected			
After Lien Execution	689.00	6,744.32	9,511.45
TOTAL DEBITS	59,037.05	65,281.53	44,727.87
Funds Remitted to Treasurer			
Redemptions	5,160.23	34,884.17	22,497.37
Interest and Costs After Lien	689.00	6,744.32	9,511.45
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes			
Liens Deeded to Town			
Adjustments to Beginning Balance			4,480.93
Excess Debits(Credits)		(888.93)	266.97
Balance of Unredeemed Tax Liens			
At End of Year	53,187.82	24,541.97	7,971.15
TOTAL CREDITS	59,037.05	65,281.53	44,727.87

Reigh Rock
Tax Collector

Source MS-61

**UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX SALES
DECEMBER 31, 1997**

	1993	1994	1995	1996
Atkinson-Davis Corporation			215.43	255.79
Bosworth, Edgar A.				1,640.73
Champney, Brenda L.				3,006.04
Drury, Joseph				153.98
Farnsworth, Ruth				2,216.18
Hackett, Mary Elizabeth				2,850.31
Hall, Robert G.		281.26	1,095.88	1,143.19
Johnson, Harry				2,048.96
LaClair, Arthur				3,655.79
LaClair, Cecil				2,430.42
Land East Construction Corporation			44.26	57.39
Lewis, Wm S. / Lorraine J.			2,122.43	2,223.50
Lorandean Jr. & Sr. Sydney				774.02
Marsh, Randall C.				2,172.85
McMinn, V. Leonard			2,098.69	1,774.92
Mitchell, Renee M./Noll, Nancy M.	2,254.25	2,342.45	2,413.15	
Morse Sr., Harold A.				1,726.28
Morse Sr., Kenneth				1,587.64
Muller, Joseph H./ Diane L.			3,029.17	3,164.41
O'Connor, Christopher				453.09
Oldenburg, Earland L./ Maria				1,666.37
Rock, Phillip S /Pauline L.			255.36	790.30
Shambo, Robert W./ Lorraine J.				2,253.45
Stone, Chas W. /Sheila M.		3,211.45	3,774.63	3,945.27
Swamp, Lincoln J./ Deborah A.			1,385.00	2,019.01
Szyman, Heirs of Despina			3,624.91	4,502.94
Wallace, Marilyn			2,329.91	2,437.37
Wilkie, Steven / Laura			2,142.19	2,237.62
Woodbury, Peter			10.96	
Total	\$2,254.25	\$5,835.16	\$24,541.97	\$53,187.82

I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each taxpayer for unredeemed taxes on account of the levies of 1993, 1994, 1995 and 1996 as of December 31, 1997, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Reigh H. Rock, Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Year Ended December 31, 1997

Reconciliation-Checking Account

Balance 12/31/96		33,442.95
Add Receipts	4,566,680.31	
Total Available		4,600,123.26
Less Payments During Year	3,917,194.13	
Balance 12/31/97		682,929.13

Bank Statement Balance 12/31/97		60,497.36
Add Deposits in Transit	49,467.81	
Add Uncollected Item	188.50	
Add Short Term Investments	644,178.49	
Add Disputed Bank Charges	25.00	
Less Outstanding Checks	71,428.03	
Checkbook Balance 12/31/97		682,929.13

Special Funds in Custody of Treasurer

	12/31/96	Add	Less	12/31/97
	Balance	Receipts	Payments	Balance
Police Dept Savings	413.25	235.71		648.96
Fire Dept Hazardous				
Materials	796.32	26.26		822.58
CREA Savings	7,409.18	394.31		7,803.49
Rodney Palmer Fund	13,937.64	749.61		14,687.25
Conservation Fund	49,295.94	7,760.15	898.92	56,157.17

Respectfully submitted,
William Caterino
Town Treasurer

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS, TOWN OF CORNISH, N.H.

December 31, 1997

Date Created	Name of Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	Where Invested	Principal	New Funds Created	Beginning Balance	Received	Expended	Ending Balance
Var.	Perpet. Care	Cemeteries	Clt.Svg.Bnk	\$48,341.98	\$2,200.00	\$49,399.50	\$5,720.13	\$4,858.30	\$50,261.33
1902	Beaman,C.	Guide Boards	AllianceSec.	1,173.06	0.00	4,493.04	429.78	1,536.37	3,386.45
1909	Foss,J.	Flags Upkeep	AllianceSec.	1,731.40	0.00	4,791.29	542.44	280.00	5,053.73
1889	Foss/Kimbl	Aid to Poor	AllianceSec.	5,096.04	0.00	9,016.16	1,393.37	0.00	10,409.53
1971	Kenney,MJ	Aid to Elderly	Clt.Svg.Bnk	4,044.61	0.00	6,087.04	528.19	0.00	6,615.23
1902	Mercer,Wm	Aid to Educ.	Ainc/Fleet	13,214.61	0.00	37,380.48	4,468.18	2,300.00	39,548.66
1898	Pub.Sch. Fund	Schools	Alliance Sec.	418.28	0.00	827.75	94.08	827.75	94.08
1942	Sanderson	Child.Cem.Upk'p	Alliance Sec.	1,248.67	0.00	435.15	240.84	0.00	675.99
1917	Stowell Library	Library	Fleet	500.00	0.00	727.56	1,072.90	0.00	3,518.30
			AllianceSec.	5,897.15	0.00	2,464.39	253.45	0.00	0.00
1984	Vet.Mem'l	Upkeep	Clt.Svg.Bnk	4,500.00	0.00	86.28	31.58	0.00	117.86
1987	Cornish Welf.	Aid to Needy	Clt.Svg.Bnk	3,518.54	0.00	2,910.59	337.64	0.00	3,248.23
1982	New Police Cruiser		Clt.Svg.Bnk	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,932.81	245.80	0.00	9,178.61
1967	Hwy Heavy Equip.		Clt.Svg.Bnk	54,500.00	35,000.00	65,471.98	3,374.25	0.00	103,846.23
1970	Fire Truck		Clt.Svg.Bnk	26,000.00	13,000.00	28,385.25	1,497.71	0.00	42,882.96
1985	Appraisal Fund		Clt.Svg.Bnk	14,000.00	5,000.00	18,995.82	1,036.69	0.00	25,032.51
1995	Bridges		Clt.Svg.Bnk	20,000.00	10,000.00	20,528.25	433.72	20,000.00	10,961.97
1979	School Building Fund		Clt.Svg.Bnk	5,500.00	2,000.00	6,679.67	337.41		9,017.08
1986	Block Grant (Educational)		Clt.Svg.Bnk	0.00	0.00	2,874.73	137.43		3,012.16
SCHOOL CAPITAL RESERVE TOTAL:				\$5,500.00	2,000.00	9,554.40	474.84		12,029.24

1997 New Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds:

Downing, Marshall
Callahan, Loel A. III
Edson, George L.

\$200
\$200
\$800

Edminster
Child
Child

Hodgdon, Allie & Norma
Monette, Donald & Pauline
Smith, W. Seymour

\$400
\$400
\$200

Child
Child
Huggins

The information contained in this report is complete and accurate to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Barbara Rawson
Shirley Sullivan
Joanne Sever

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

As of December 31, 1997

Description

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$192,100
Furniture and Equipment	7,000
Library, Land and Building	149,000
Furniture and Equipment	10,000
Police Department Equipment	25,000
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	146,900
Equipment	265,000
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	200,000
Equipment	506,000
Materials and Supplies	19,000
Selectmen's Old Office	50,000
New Town Office, Land and Buildings	154,400
Furniture and Equipment	11,000
Meeting House, Flat, Land and Buildings	175,100
CREA Land and Buildings	157,550
School, Land and Buildings	1,465,250
Contents	171,400

All Lands & Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's Deeds, and Other:

Weld Park	5,000
Hodgdon Lot	5,900
Woodlot on Skyline Drive	24,150
Butman Lot	13,250
Recycling Center	37,450
Cemeteries, Vault, Hearse House	5,000
Fire Pond, School Street	1,150
Jackson Road Gravel Pit	9,300
Fire Pond on Town House Road	2,500
Map 6, Lot 102 (.4 acre)	3,900
Map 12, Lot 39 (7 acres)	8,250
Map 7, Lot 86 (3 acres)	26,700
Map 7, Lot 65B (9.1 acres)	21,950
Map 6, Lot 3A (5 acres)	58,950
Bridge Parking Lot, Rte 12A	12,500

TOTAL	\$3,940,650
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WAGES, BENEFITS, AND TOTAL COMPENSATION TOWN OF CORNISH

		1997			
	<u>Wages</u>	<u>FICA</u>	<u>Health</u>	<u>Retirement</u>	<u>Total Comp.</u>
<u>Highway</u>					
Ackerman, Frank N.	371.52	28.42			399.94
Duval, Michael	26,677.81	2040.85		1001.22	29,719.88
Earle, Albert F.	5,240.70	400.91		177.63	5,819.24
Fitch, James	2,157.84	165.07			2,322.91
Goewey, Paul	1,546.56	118.31			1,664.87
LaClair, Cecil A.	24,175.52	1,849.43	2,544.36	904.90	29,474.21
McNamara, John	371.52	28.42			399.94
Morse, Scott	16,052.11	1,227.99		539.50	17,819.60
Nelson, Wayne	2,851.20	218.12			3,069.32
Spaulding, Thomas	27,294.19	2,088.01	2,544.36	1,025.38	32,951.94
<u>BG/Cemetery</u>					
Abbott, George	4,956.25	379.15			5,335.40
Call, Cathy	432.00	33.05			465.05
Rock, John	8,885.00	679.70			9,564.70
Rock, Maybelle	861.00	65.87			926.87
Rondeau, Armond	4,028.00	308.14			4,336.14
<u>Town Office</u>					
Caterino Jr., William	600.00	45.90			645.90
Dingee, Lawrence S.	1,520.05	116.28			1,636.33
Hier, Anne M.	8,485.89	578.16			9,064.05
Hodgeman, Stuart	2,018.26	154.46			2,172.66
Maslan, Robert F.	5,466.66	418.20			5,884.86
Rock, Reigh	13,676.88	1,046.28			14,723.16
White, John M.	120.00	9.18			129.18
<u>Police</u>					
Morse, Scott	2,168.00	165.85			2,333.85
Osgood, Philip G.	28,652.00	2,191.88	2,544.36		33,388.24
Wadsworth, William	724.00	55.39			779.39
Webb, Robert	704.00	53.86			757.86
<u>Election/Reg</u>					
Atwood, Eric	49.88				
Atwood, Leland	128.25				
Budlong, Sally	52.25				
Monette, Robin	128.25				
Rollins, Ruth G.	209.00				
Stone, Marion R.	52.25				
<u>Police Special</u>					
Bates, Eric S.	192.00	14.69			206.69
Bodkins, Barritt, C.	528.00	40.39			568.39
Bonnier, Anthony E.	192.00	14.69			206.69
Kimtis Jr, Donald W.	336.00	25.70			361.70
Roberts, Richard	480.00	36.72			516.72
Vezina, Jesse	192.00	14.691			206.69
Webber, David	384.00	29.38			413.38
White, Antonio D.	384.00	29.38			413.38
<u>Library</u>					
Call, Cathy	576.00	44.06			620.06
Freeland, Katherine	4,030.00	308.30			4,338.30

SELECTMEN'S REPORT 1997

The cover of this report depicts the highlight of the year in Cornish - a new Highway Garage. The Highway and Cemetery Departments are grateful occupants of an outstanding new facility. The dedication ceremony on October 25th was well attended and culminated a two-year effort by many folks to make this event happen on time and on budget. We are grateful to the citizens of Cornish for providing the resources for the building. In addition, the Selectmen want to thank the members of the New Highway Garage Committee who helped shape our decisions. We specifically thank the committee chairman, Nate Cass, for his time and dedication to oversee the construction project. Great job Nate!

The Highway Department began the Center Road upgrade project this year. It required ditching, culverts, grinding pavement, back filling gravel, paving and shoulder work. We completed a half-mile with top course and shoulder work still required. The plan is to continue with similar stages until the entire road is completed to Townhouse Road.

We finally got some relief for the Town's gravel and sand requirements this summer. We opened a gravel pit across from the Town Office which appears to meet our immediate needs for bank run and crushed gravel and winter sand. It is a central location in town and costs at least 50% less than material from other sources.

At the last town meeting we voted to make NHDOT recommended repairs to the Mercer Bridge on Platt Road. The repairs were made by Daniels Construction Co. during the summer so the bridge is not weight limited anymore. Additional repairs to the stone walls on the bridge were completed voluntarily as a gift to the Town by Max Blumberg of High Court on Platt Road. Thanks Max.

Hopefully visitors and residents in Town are finding their way around a bit easier with the new road signs. We know there are some adjustments that need to be made in the Spring. Thanks to Jack Rock and crew for doing that project.

The 911 Map is nearly finalized after a lengthy process and we should expect house and road numbering this spring. Guidance for address changes and posting numbers will be mailed to all residents.

Tax bills went out in a timely manner in the Fall and our in-house computer system is on track. The Selectmen feel it is time for twice a year billing which would provide a smoother flow of cash and relieve the Treasurer from borrowing money to pay bills.

This report shows that we spent nearly 99% of the appropriated budget during the year. Thanks to the Department heads managing their individual allocations we had a very successful fiscal year.

Successful management of Town affairs is not solely accomplished by elected officials and employees. The volunteer efforts of numerous members of our boards, committees and commissions keep the wheels of government in motion. The Selectmen applaud and thank all those who have participated in their Town government. Thanks for the support.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Maslan

Larry Dingee

Stuart A. Hodgeman

SELECTMEN'S SPECIAL AGENT 1997 REPORT

In 1989, the Selectmen created the Selectmen's Special Agent position for the purpose of confirming excavation information and soil suitability at potential new septic installations. Currently, the position is not funded by the town but by user fee, the average cost being \$20.00.

Results of Septic Digs in Cornish 1997

April 9	Town of Cornish, E/S No Parsonage Rd, Several digs, successful with Pump System
April 29	Fontaine, E/S Dodge Hollow Road, 1 dig, successful
August 9	Hodgeman, W/S Dodge Road, 1 dig, successful
August 27	Lucier, S/S Dodge Hollow Road, 2 systems, house - 1 dig successful, Barn - 2 digs successful
September 25	Rondos, N/S Town House Road, 1 dig, successful
October 4	Snyder, E/S Burr Road, 2 digs, successful

Selectmen's Special Agent,
Stuart Hodgeman

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT 1997

Motor Vehicle Registrations Issued	\$171,578.50
Dog Licenses Issued / Animal Control	2,078.50
Dog Penalties And Fines	163.00
Marriage Licenses Sold	630.00
Landfill Tickets Sold	5380.00
Miscellaneous-Copier Use, Checklists, History books & Return Check Fee	334.35
Filing Fees For Titles	640.00
UCC Fees/Wetlands	870.00
Vital Statistics Fees	292.00
Fish & Game	926.50

TOTAL \$182,892.85

Total monies paid to Town Treasurer \$182,892.85

Respectfully submitted,
Reigh H. Rock
Town Clerk

CORNISH HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 1997 REPORT

The year 1997 was a very costly and busy year due to the mud and late snow storms. We used 300 loads of bank run gravel during mud season. We had to hire extra equipment.

The first half-mile of Center Road was ground and we put 6 inches of crushed gravel over the top and blacktopped it. Many dollars worth of shim was put on other blacktop roads in town. The new garage opened in October and is greatly appreciated by the whole crew.

We built a new sand screen and put up 4950 yards of winter sand that came from the new sandpit on Townhouse Road.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Spaulding
Road Agent



Thomas Spaulding, Highway Agent
Photo by Fritz Hier

CORNISH FIRE DEPARTMENT 1997 REPORT

In addition to answering calls the Cornish Fire Department Association (at no expense to the tax payer) purchased and put into service a 1 ton mini-pumper 4 wheel drive. Also the Association rebuilt and painted a 3/4 ton pickup for forestry service. We were able this year to have enough money left in the budget to buy \$4500.00 worth of new gear. Five new members have been welcomed on board who are taking a 185 hour Level One course.

I would like to thank every member of the Cornish Fire Department for their dedication and hard work in 1997 and also the Towns people for their support.

Respectfully submitted,
Nathan Cass, Fire Chief

Mutual Aid	18
Motor Vehicle Accidents	12
Fire Alarms	9
Wires Down	7
Chimney Fires	6
Miscellaneous Calls	5
Smoke Investigations	4
Motor Vehicle Fires	3
Structure Fires	2
Grass and Brush Fires	1
Electrical Problem	1
Fuel Spills	1
Illegal Burns	1
Propane Leak	1
Medical Assist	1
Furnace Fire	1
Snowmobile Fire	1

TOTAL CALLS

1997	74	1994	98
1996	82	1993	92
1995	103	1992	79

TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER 1997 REPORT

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing any open burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law, and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the N.H. Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws please call our office at 271-2217.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments.

1997 Fire Statistics (All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1997)

<u>Causes of Fires Reported</u>		<u>Fires Reported by County</u>	
Smoking	54	Belknap	58
Debris Burning	261	Carroll	96
Campfire	99	Cheshire	63
Power Line	33	Coos	29
Railroad	03	Grafton	51
Equipment Use	23	Hillsborough	145
Lightning	14	Merrimack	148
Children	60	Rockingham	54
OHRV	00	Strafford	63
Miscellaneous	130	Sullivan	19
Incendiary	33		
Fireworks	16		
TOTAL FIRES	726		
TOTAL ACRES	177.17		

"REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!"

Douglas C. Miner
Forest Ranger

Nathan Cass
Forest Fire Warden

Deputy Wardens: Dale O'Connor
Leland Atwood
Larry Dingee

David Wood
Leo Maslan
Mike Boutilier

CORNISH POLICE DEPARTMENT 1997 REPORT

1997 was an average year for the Cornish Police Department. Activity ranged from minor to one major burglary.

Very good police work on the part of Newport Police Department reopened a six year old arson case. Continued investigation by N.H. State Police and Cornish Police brought this case to a close. This case involved the burglary and arson of a residence in Cornish. Claremont Police were instrumental in closing a burglary during 1997 at the 12% Solution that involved thousands of dollars of merchandise. These and many other cases that involve interdepartmental cooperation are what make working closely with all area police departments so rewarding. This has always been high on my priority list.

911 mapping is still tied up at the state level. Both Selectman Larry Dingee and myself have made numerous inquiries through the year and tried to satisfy the State's requests for information pertaining to roads and driveways.

Dogs running loose in Cornish are beginning to become a problem of common occurrence. This is especially noticeable in the Flat area. This concerns me because of the serious problem that can arise out of dogs running loose. I have had many cases of dogs running farm animals off the property of the owner and dogs running in front of cars to the point of causing accidents. May I remind you that the owner of a dog that causes any damage, while in the control or not in the control of its owner, is liable for this damage. There have been several reports of dogs chasing deer. The owner of a dog known to be chasing or killing deer may be fined and accountable for damages. Dogs found to be in pursuit of deer by a law enforcement officer may be destroyed by that officer.

In closing I would like to take the time to sincerely thank the people of the community who continuously show their support of the police department. Myself and my officers appreciate this more than you will ever imagine.

YOURS IN SAFETY
Philip (Joe) Osgood
Chief of Police

CLAREMONT

NEW HAMPSHIRE, U.S.A.

January 14, 1998

A Community that works...

R. Craig Ohlson
Chief of Police

William T. Wilmot, Jr.
Deputy Chief

Capt. Patrick D. Yatsevich
Patrol Division

Lt. Matthew L. Limoges
Criminal Division

Commissioners:
Donald W. Limoges
Richard R. George
George T. Caccavaro, Jr.

Cornish Police Department
Townhouse Rd
Cornish, NH 03746

Ladies & Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find the break down of calls for the Cornish Police Department for the year of 1997.

Again it has been a pleasure to serve the Town of Cornish and hope to continue to serve you in the future.

Accident	57	Alarms	42
Abandoned Property	04	Assist Other Department	09
Animal Complaints	23	Assaults	02
Be On Look-out	02	Burglaries	03
Check Well Being	04	Criminal Mischief	05
Criminal Trespass	01	Community Service	02
Dog Complaints	33	Disabled Vehicles	26
Domestics	06	Fights	01
Fire Calls	10	Fish & Game Matters	01
Found Property	03	Harassment	12
Highway Matters	07	House Checks	02
Juvenile	01	Keep The Peace	02
Littering	01	Medical Emergency	09
Message Delivery	06	Manner of Operation	03
MV Stops	74	Noise Complaints	01
OHV Complaints	01	Parking Problems	01
Police Info	15	Public Hazards	03
Remove Subject	02	Repossession	01
Request Transport	01	Serve Paperwork	05
Suspicious Activity	14	Theft	09
Traffic Problem	07	Traces-9-1-1	10

Total 421

Claremont Police Department
1 Police Court • Claremont, New Hampshire 03743 • 603/542-9538 • FAX 603/542-7015

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

1997 Report

The Cemetery Department is now located in the new building. We have an office for records and storage space for equipment, tools, and supplies. We had a lot of cooperation from the Highway Department. I would like to thank the people of Cornish for our new building.

We cleaned over half the stones in the north end of Child Cemetery. We would like to get the rest in 1998. I would like to thank the Cub Scouts for putting up the flags in the cemeteries and the Spirit Committee for painting the fence in the Flat Cemetery.

John Rock
Sexton

GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

1997 REPORT

This year we did a lot of work on the grounds at the Town Office. We cut a lot of brush, removed stones and put a lot of fill in. In the last two years we have added the Town Office and the New Highway Garage to maintain.

John Rock



Jack Rock, Sexton
Photo by Fritz Hier

HEALTH DEPARTMENT 1997 REPORT

It was a blessedly uneventful year for the Health Department. Routine inspections were carried out including inspection of 27 food booths at the Cornish Fair.

Many thanks to retiring health officer Teresa Masters for the great job she did. I was sworn in as Health Officer mid-year.

Virginia Prince
Town Health Officer

OVERSEERS OF GENERAL ASSISTANCE 1997 REPORT

During the past year, the Committee has provided temporary assistance to those in need both directly and through referrals to State agencies and services. We continue to monitor the Welfare Reform program carefully as it relates to services on the local level.

The food pantry sponsored by the United Church of Cornish continues to be an excellent resource for townspeople needing short term assistance. Paper products, pasta, and canned goods including tuna fish and peanut butter are especially needed. People who wish to donate items to this worthy cause should contact Rev. Dale Nicholas.

A local family has offered free cut-your-own Christmas trees to Cornish residents with limited financial resources. Please contact this office next December for more information.

We wish to thank local agencies, organizations and individuals for their ongoing support.

Connie Kousman
Martha Zoerheide
Judith Kaufman

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD 1997 REPORT

In April of 1974 the Cornish Rescue Squad was created and we are approaching our 25th year of serving Cornish and Plainfield. We would like to thank our past members who built the foundation that the Rescue Squad is built on. It is interesting to note that the first rescue squads in the country were formed during this time in the early years of EMS. The Cornish Rescue Squad continues with the tradition of being one of the most respected EMS providers in the Upper Valley.

The past year has been a good one for us. We had our average of 150 calls including mutual aid. This winter we offered our second First Responder Course to the community. We had excellent participation in the last year's course adding new members to the Squad, re-certifying squad members and training members of the community as well as Firefighters in both towns.

If you have any special health concerns at your house please contact us at 675-2221. We will review your needs and develop a plan with you.

New members interested in EMS or willing to assist us in the non-EMS aspects of our organization are very welcome.

On a personal note as I complete my second year as President I would like to publicly thank the outstanding members of the squad for their dedication and service to the community. It is an honor to work with you.

We are very thankful for the great support we have received over the years from the residents of Cornish and Plainfield. Your continued support allows us to serve you in an emergency.

Sincerely,

Jim McCarragher, President

CORNISH PLANNING BOARD 1997 REPORT

In 1997 the Planning Board held hearings on 15 applications for subdivision and site plan reviews. In addition we held hearings on the plan for development of the gravel pit on Town House Road, wrote an article on siting of telecommunication towers which the town will vote on at Town Meeting, met with other town boards and town council on such issues as merger laws, abutter definition, suitable access, land-locked parcels. In 1998 we plan to look at the "Business" sections of the Zoning Ordinance and have an article on the Warrant asking for up to \$750 to be used by a subcommittee of the Planning Board in coming up with recommendations for changes to the Zoning Ordinance.

Unfortunately we have lost two members from the Board (Nina Lloyd and Brian Meyette) and are looking to replace them. Anyone interested in serving on this Board should inform the Selectmen.

1997 ACTIONS

<u>Minor Subdivisions</u>	Arthur & Leona LaFont Agel Lumber Ltd Sheriden Snyder	Route 120 Red Water Brook Road Burr Road
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<u>Annexations/Lot Line Adjustments</u>	Arthur & Leona LaFont Larry Dingee Katherine Holt James and Susan Borchert Ralph and Lorraine Cosseboom Steven and Nancy Smith Robert and Marie Jaarsma	Route 120 Route 120 Center Road Town House Road East Road Creamery Road Dingleton Hill Road
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<u>Site Plan Review</u>	Art's Community Market Alma Gilbert "Mastlands" Lawrence Berndt Kim Lussier Dingee Machine Co.	Route 120 Route 12A Harrington Road Dodge Hollow Road Route 120
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Cheston Newbold, Chairman Anne Hier, Secretary Larry Dingee, Selectman Lee Baker, Alternate	Peter Storrs Kathi Osterlund John Hammond, Vice Chairman Jack Rock
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CORNISH CONSERVATION COMMISSION 1997

1997 has been a busy year for the Conservation Commission. Its work has involved many different topics, some new and others ongoing from previous years. The annual Cornish Conservation Award was presented at the 1997 Town Meeting to Anne and Fritz Hier for the outstanding stewardship of their property on Lovejoy Hill and for their willingness to share its beauty and recreational offerings with the public.

As in past years April brought "Green Up" week when many conservation minded individuals assisted in picking up the Town's roadsides. Citizens of all ages helped with this endeavor and we want to thank this group for their loyal support. In particular we would like to thank the Cornish Road Crew for their help in collecting and disposing of the bags of trash. This project would not be possible were it not for their assistance. 1998's "Green Up Week" is scheduled to start Saturday, April 25 and run through Saturday, May 2. You may sign up for a particular road or section of road at either Town or School Meeting.

The task of collecting baseline data on the properties in Cornish that are under conservation easement is continuing. During the Fall of 1997 a thorough review of the Barker property was made. The entire boundary was walked and photos taken. An effort is being made to get all such properties onto a regular schedule for monitoring. Work continues on fine tuning the data collection forms so that they can be easily updated and the properties more easily monitored.

As in previous years the Commission has reviewed all Dredge and Fill applications and also visited the sites where work was planned. We are happy to meet with landowners to go over their plans even before applications are submitted. This can make the entire process easier for everyone. On occasion the Selectmen have asked us to review matters before the Town that involve conservation issues. On these occasions we have met with them and, where appropriate, made site visits as well.

This spring and summer there was dialogue between the Selectmen, the Road Agent and the Commission about "scenic roads." In early summer we met together on Whitten Road to review work planned on this "scenic road." It was a productive meeting where many opinions were aired and everyone came away with a better understanding of the issues involved. It was decided that an effort would be made to keep the road open in winter with the understanding that with heavy snows this might not be possible. It was also agreed that there were some trees that could be removed without compromising the scenic nature of the road, but an effort to protect others should be made.

At the request of the Selectmen, the Commission has undertaken the task of heading the committee to create a plan for the Town Office grounds. The committee has met a number of times and with the able help of landscape architect Charles Shurcliff has developed a plan. We plan to present it at this year's Town Meeting.

The CREA property, in addition to its use as a recreation area and study area, has been the site of two special projects involving the youth in our Town. First is Riverfest. This was a joint School-Conservation Commission event held in June on the CREA property. Planned by the school staff and funded by the Commission, all the third through sixth graders spent the day learning about trail building, stream habitats, and some of the history of the area. The day culminated in a "River Dance" performed by the students. We hope that more School/Commission projects will be planned in the future. The second event was an Eagle Scout Project planned and executed by TJ Therriault, a member of Cornish Troop 332. He laid out and supervised the building of a new trail across the knoll behind the Fire Station. This trail provides access to different habitats than previously and opens up new study sites to Cornish's students.

There is a new initiative coming from the Extension Office called Project Serve where local high school students work with town boards on specified projects. This year we have had Josh Pierce working with us. He has been exploring the feasibility of having a campsite for canoeists along the Cornish segment of the Connecticut River.

Also on the CREA site the Commission has been discussing what should happen to the barn on the property. Suggestions range from burning it down to restoring it for some future use. No absolute decision has been reached. A committee has been established by the Selectmen to address this issue. If you have thoughts on the issue please let a member of the Barn Committee or the Conservation Commission know.

This year, with financial help from the Conservation Commission, the Cornish Farmer's Market constructed a covering for their stalls. This awning has been tailor made for this space and is available to other community groups who may want to use this particular space for an event.

As always, we welcome the public at our meeting which are usually held on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Herricka Poor, Chairman
Mariet Jaarsma, Alternate
Stuart Hodgeman, Selectman
Rae Ann Melloh, Alternate
Brook Moore
Janice Orion

Mike Yatsevitch
Nancy Newbold, Alternate
Paul Queneau, Alternate
Don Snowdon
Donna Bleazard



Riverfest Participants, Sue Fitch, Gretchen Yatsevitch, and Tildy Hammond, doing some water studies on the CREA property

Photo Courtesy of Ricki Poor

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 1997 REPORT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment heard nine cases during 1997 - six special exceptions and three appeals from administrative decisions.. Four special exceptions concerned expansion or establishment of a business; two concerned additions to single-family residences. All were granted. One administrative decision was upheld and two were overturned.

Karim Chichakly, Chairman
Eric Webb, Clerk and Secretary
David Wood, Clerk
Dale Rook, Alternate

Caroline Storrs
Keith Beardslee
William Balch, Alternate
Bruce Tracy, Alternate

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECK LIST 1997

Supervisors held required sessions for both town and school district meetings, published notices in a timely fashion and kept the card file up-dated with new names and addresses removing those no longer living in Cornish to the best of our ability.

A certain amount of correspondence took place, notifying people who had moved in an effort to keep our voter lists current. We also sent many notifications to other communities to allow them to delete the names of people registering in our town. Proof reading and printing lists, budgeting and reports are other necessary duties.

Registered voters numbered 1042, with 288 voting at School District meeting and 318 voting at the 1997 town meeting, at which time the construction of a new town garage was approved.

Ruth G. Rollins, Chairman
Leland E. Atwood
Robin C. Monette

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE 1997 REPORT

The Finance Committee is an advisory committee functioning as an intermediary between the School Board and the public and between the Select Board and the public. Its basic purpose is to assist in the budget process and to help with problems which may arise during the year. Quarterly meetings were held with the Select Board to review the Town's expenses and budget variances. School Board meetings were also attended by one or more members.

The Committee reviews every item on every budget with an eye toward ever improving the prudent management of Town funds and resources. Recommendations are made throughout the budget process and, although not binding, are reflected in the final budget. Cooperation by the Select Board, School Board and various town departments with the Committee has been excellent, and we hope the process has been helpful to the efficient running of the Town of Cornish.

Respectfully submitted,

William Caterino
Brad Churchill
John Collins, Chairman
Barbara Lewis
Susanne Lupien
Alan Penfold

CORNISH HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION 1997 REPORT

During 1997 the Commission discussed how best to build on the groundwork begun in 1988 when a survey was made of 150 Cornish houses more than fifty years old. Presently, five of the houses are in the process of being registered with the National Register of Historic Places. Such listing is honorary and imposes no obligations on the home owners.

The Commission appreciates that Cornish has been fortunate in experiencing only minor disappearance of irreplaceable historic landmarks or of open spaces to development. The Commission notes with pleasure that some property owners have put their land in land trusts to prevent future development.

Eventually, we plan to ask voters in Cornish to approve establishment of an historic district in the area of the Cornish Colony. The Commission needs prior voter approval of geographical boundaries and of guidelines governing the district before establishment of an historic district. Guidelines can be rather general, as they are in the town of Wolfboro, New Hampshire.

Anyone interested in having more information, please address one of the undersigned.

Tony Neidecker
Nancy Newbold
Stuart Hodgeman, Selectmen's Representative
James Atkinson
Barbara Lewis

Caroline Storrs
John Dryfhout
Jenny Schad
Nina Lloyd

CORNISH RECYCLING COMMITTEE
1997 REPORT
The oldest (1977) volunteer-run recycling center in NH

This year's operation ran smoothly with only one glitch - glass disposal. Recycling Services in Claremont, the usual recipient for our glass, refused it after one load of brown and one of green. They wanted all our recyclables or nothing. Our being so low-tech, it wasn't an economical match. A call to Hoyt Trucking, the current collector of our products, resulted in the final two loads of clear glass being moved by the Highway Department to their facility. The second load contained some window glass and ceramic which was spotted immediately, resulting in a possible \$100 fine. We need to be very careful not to throw anything but supermarket type bottles and jars into the glass bins. Canning jars, light bulbs, ceramics, window glass, bowls and drinking glasses contain impurities or have different melting points which form weak spots or breakage of new glass. None of this was weighed and it seems that it won't be in the future, but from past experience we can estimate 4000 pounds per load. All other products are actual weight.

We keep a tally of the cars coming in - sometimes losing track. Last year, the average number of cars coming each Saturday was 18; this year's average has increased to 23. Actual known weight this year was 28.06 tons of aluminum, newspaper, mixed paper, magazines, cardboard, boxboard, plastic, steel cans and household batteries. Four town truck loads of glass were removed, for an estimate of 8 tons, bringing a total of 36.06 tons for the year. As well, \$408.85 was collected from Vt. deposit bottles and cans.

1997 Expenses

Trucking	\$480.00
Northeast Resources Dues	94.78
Roll of Mattress Bags	150.00
Printing of new Brochures	19.20
Transfer Station Ticket	20.00
Total Expenses	\$763.98

1997 Income

Vermont deposit bottles & Cans	\$408.85
(This revenue credited to General Fund)	

The Center is preparing a product for market which means that items must be clean, compact and sorted. Check aluminum on the magnet provided (aluminum does not stick) until you know your brands. Please remember to keep Vermont deposit plastics, cans and bottles separate to be placed in the shed for redemption.

The Center is open every Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m., except on holiday weekends, until plowed after storms, and by chance if -10 F or colder. The facility depends upon volunteers. Consider signing up Saturday mornings, if only once or twice during the year. It is a great opportunity to meet those in the community who frequent the center. Feel free to contact any of the committee members for additional information.

Donna Bleazard	Richard Thompson	Connie Kousman
Loel & Leigh Callahan	Jim Strout	Pat Pinkson-Burke
Rev & Nancy Wightman	Janice Orion	Barbara & Paul Atherton

CORNISH HONOR SOCIETY 1997 REPORT

This year we have been working with the Cornish School Librarian, Ms. Kathy Patterson, to find ways that the Society can assist with and improve the School's computer programs. To date, we have provided memory upgrades for two of the School's older (and slower) computers in order to make them more useful. Also an ENCARTA CD-ROM program (1998 version) ordered for the school was found to be more useful for the Town Public Library and was sent there. At this time, several additional CD-ROM programs are being reviewed to determine which would be most helpful for the School's programs.

The Trustees are pleased to report that a new member was added to our Board at our October meeting. Mrs. Joanne Miller has come full circle as the first former Student-Member of the Cornish Honor Society to progress to the Board of Trustees. As a parent with school-age children, Joanne is in an ideal position to advise and assist the Trustees in our efforts to come up with meaningful student-oriented programs. If anyone wishes to contact the Society, please get in touch with any of the following members:

Trustees of the Cornish Honor Society

John White, Chair
Bill Ardinger, Treasurer
Ann Neidecker
Joanne Miller

Joanne Ardinger
Bernice Johnson, Secretary
Mike Yatsevitch

You may also reach me at the following email address: jwhite@cyberportal.net

CORNISH FAIR ASSOCIATION 1997 REPORT

The 1997 Cornish Fair was a little subdued due to rain or threatening rain throughout the 3 days of the fair. Those who attended will concur that the fireworks were outstanding and the animals, including a very large dairy show, emphasized the importance of agriculture to the Cornish Fair.

There were many changes made throughout the fair grounds - a new area for handicap parking, a renovated pulling ring for the ponies, horses, and oxen together with new seating for those watching the Farm Horse events, Woodsmen's Competition and Tractor Pull. We are pleased with our new tractor to help maintain the grounds all year long. We are now maintaining our office in the trailer on No. Parsonage road and have made many trips with the new "Customer Carrier" to transport people from the grounds to their cars. This year the public had a chance to pick their personal favorite in each department in the school. This event will be continued.

The Directors thank the community for its support, entries and attendance. We meet the first Monday of each month and invite anyone to join us. All volunteers are greatly appreciated.

Martha Churchill, Secretary
Cornish Fair Association

SPIRIT COMMITTEE 1997 REPORT

For the year 1997, the Spirit Committee organized several small projects. The committee fulfilled its obligation of the previous year of painting the picket fence in the Cornish Flat cemetery. In the previous year, the group had been rained out and unable to do the project but last year's eighth grade class completed the task and the fence looks terrific. We thank Jack Rock who provided the paint so the group could go to work and special thanks to the students of the eighth grade class who put in the hours of work.

The Spirit Committee also painted the inside of the Town Library. With the help of Kate Freeland and Kathi Patterson, a small group of dedicated people completed the painting so that the room now appears fresh and clean. We all especially thank Bernice Johnson for her much loved donuts and the others who contribute "fuel" to the workers.

The Spirit Committee also did a small project at the school. Several evergreens were planted at the entrance of the new addition to soften the effect.

Each year a few Cornish residents give their time and labor to help keep costs down. We appreciate the efforts of those who come year after year to work in a positive way to contribute to their town.

Projects completed to date:

- 1988 Painting the exterior of the Town Hall and adjacent old School House
- 1989 Painting the exterior of Town Sheds in the Flat and landscaping around the sheds and library.
- 1990 Siding and painting of the school with tree planting at the school and in front of the Meetinghouse. Painting and stenciling (thanks to Polly Rand) of the interior of the Town Hall.
- 1991 Painting the interior and exterior of the Meetinghouse.
- 1992 Painting the interior hallways and cafeteria in the school.
- 1993 Landscaping and parking area improvement at the school.
- 1994 Painting the exterior of the Town Hall.
- 1995 Landscaping repair of discarded oil tanks at school.
- 1996 Postponed due to rain.
- 1997 Paint Cornish Flat Cemetery fence, paint inside of library. Plantings at school.

Sincerely,

Caroline Storrs, Susan Chandler,
and Nancy Newbold, Co-Chairpersons
Susan Weld and Mariet Jaarsma

CORNISH MEETINGHOUSE 1997 REPORT

The Cornish Meetinghouse was used regularly by the Historical Society which had many well attended meetings. The Memorial Day Service was also again held on the outside grounds of the Meetinghouse and the tower bell was rung with the closing of Fritz Hier's talk to the many collected at the service.

We again thank the faithful few who wind the clock so the Flat might enjoy the sound of the bell in the belfry.

The building is showing its age and a campaign fund will be needed soon to continue with needed repairs and to complete an exterior and interior paint project.

Financial Report 1997

Balance on Hand 1/1/97		\$2,000.86
Income		
Interest Income	\$ 59.66	
Donations	325.00	
Total Income		384.66
Expenses		
Fuel	\$ 52.47	
Maintenance	72.08	
Electricity	105.56	
Less Total Expenses		-230.11
Balance on Hand 1/1/98		\$2,155.41
Caroline Storrs, Chairperson	Susan Chandler, Secretary	
George Edson, Treasurer	Orville Fitch	
Mark Burgess	John Dryfhout, Honorary Trustee	

GEORGE H. STOWELL FREE LIBRARY 1997 REPORT

This year, the library building received some badly needed attention, both inside and out. Holes in the slate roof were repaired and the front woodwork received two coats of stain and polyurethane. Inside, the Spirit Committee painted the walls in the front room and the children's room. Jim Jordan installed a new tile ceiling in the back room. This ceiling replaced the never finished, water stained and yellowed sheet rock that may have been in place for as long as thirty years! A new coat of paint in that room has completed its transformation into a bright and airy space. Continuing the work begun this year, we hope to schedule repair and painting of the two front room ceilings for 1998.

A grant from the NH State Council on the Arts and the NH State Library brought musician and storyteller Warren Rasmussen to the Cornish Library. This event served as a kick-off for the summer reading programs and was attended by sixty children and their parents. The visiting artist for 1998's summer reading program will be scheduled at a roomier site.

In response to all our patrons who asked for more books at the library, we have proposed an increase in the book budget. Library news and a listing of new books at the library can now be found on the Cornish Colony web site.

Thank you to everyone who donated their time, money or materials to the library this year. As always, we are grateful to the dedicated volunteer staff who work at the library and on the bookmobile each month. Their energy and generosity make the library and its services possible. Thank you all for your help and support.

See you at the library!

Kate Freeland
Librarian

Circulation Statistics - 1997

People	3,349	Books	3,519
Magazines	372	Videotapes	756
Copier	265	Computer	155

GEORGE H. STOWELL FREE LIBRARY

Budget Report

1997 INCOME:

Balance 12/31/96	\$1,188.40	\$ 239.00
Trust Funds	1,000.00	95.93
Town Funds	8,721.00	451.00
Interest	46.45	-41.99
Book Fines	147.00	-226.15
Book Sale	231.04	-107.62
Donations	237.67	171.52
TOTAL INCOME	\$11,571.56	\$68.36

LESS EXPENSES FOR 1997: 10,879.27

BALANCE 12/31/97 \$ 692.29

1998 INCOME (ESTIMATED):

Balance 12/31/97	\$ 692.29	\$-496.11
Trust Funds	2,900.00	2,000.00
RequestedTown Funds	8,729.31	8.71
Interest, book sale, donations	300.00	00.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$12,621.60	\$1,512.60

1998 BUDGETED EXPENSES:\$12,621.60 \$1,512.60

APPROPRIATION REQUESTED FROM THE TOWN: \$8,730

Expenses	Estimated 1997	Actual 1997	Estimated 1998	Change
Librarian	\$4,030.00	\$4,030.00	\$4,134.00	\$104.00
Social Security	286.00	285.64	292.09	6.09
Medicare	67.00	66.88	68.31	1.31
Library training	150.00	121.00	150.00	0
Books	2,800.00	2,846.40	3,200.00	400.00
Periodicals	375.00	377.50	375.00	0
Audio-Visuals	300.00	274.82	300.00	0
General Supplies	200.00	294.21	200.00	0
Trustee expenses	25.00	20.00	25.00	0
Building maintenance	500.00	503.97	1,500.00	1,000.00
Janitor	576.00	576.00	577.20	1.20
Electricity	300.00	246.15	300.00	0
Oil/wood	1,000.00	788.13	1,000.00	0
Telephone	400.00	349.75	400.00	0
Postage	70.00	68.00	70.00	0
Advertising	30.00	30.62	30.00	0
Copier	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
TOTALS:	\$11,109.00	\$10,879.27	\$12,621.60	\$1,512.60

Librarian's salary: \$7.95/hour for 10 hours for 52 weeks. Janitor's salary: \$7.40/hour for 1.5 hours for 52 weeks. Social security is figured at 6.2%, Medicare at 1.45%

CORNISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1997 REPORT

The Society continued its efforts to discover items of local historical interest and to be a repository for their preservation and protection. We are also attending to our emphasis on playing an active role in the community by focusing several of our meetings on a "hands-on" approach to local history.

In the Fall our two meetings centered on demonstrating how local history gets documented. In September we held a workshop that used old maps and current photographs of Cornish Flat to help us discover the names of as many residents as possible and where they lived in selected houses during the past 150 years. Thus we began a valuable record for the Society's archives. There were inevitably stories told about some of those occupants and, as part of the record, we also got an idea of how local legends begin and get perpetuated.

In October we examined copies of old newspaper clippings, many from a scrapbook kept by Doris Williams. Their vivid detail helped us see more color in local history: the accident at Balloch Crossing in 1928 ("three men and a boy suffered a horrible death...when a north-bound freight on the B & M left the track at Balloch's crossing"), the snowstorm of April, 1933, how the lookout tower on Croydon Mountain was staffed, and the man responsible for winding the Meetinghouse Clock.

In the Spring of 1998 the focus will shift from past events to notable people in our past. In April there will be a roundtable discussion led by people who remember noteworthy women of Cornish. The accompanying illustration helps to remind us of one. It shows Bernice Amy Fitch posing for an allegorical statue in the studio of Louis and Annetta St. Gaudens at some point between 1906 and 1911. (She was the mother of Helen Livingston Lovell; Bernice Fitch Johnson is named for her.) This meeting, by the way, is in response to those who believed that some degree of gender equity was in order after our earlier discussion about several unforgettable Cornish characters -- all men.

In May, James Kraft, an editor and biographer of the poet Witter Bynner, will discuss his work and the importance of Cornish to it. Bynner was a part of the Cornish Colony through his friendship with Homer Saint-Gaudens and Barry Faulkner. Based in part on Cornish, his book *Grenstone Poems* (1917;1926) is about a fictional New England town. He also wrote a beautiful poem called "Saint-Gaudens" in tribute both to the sculptor and his *Adams Memorial*.

Finally, in June, again in response to numerous requests, we hope to repeat our visit to a garden or two and have an opportunity to visit one of the town's former creameries, the Cornish Creamery established in Cornish Flat in 1888.

We hope that you took the opportunity to view more "Early Pictures of Cornish," organized thanks to the initiative of Polly Rand, at the Mill Creek Gallery in the Selectmen's Office during December and January. Comments that these pictures elicit clearly show the Community's interest in them. Our plea goes out to all of you to donate old pictures of people, places, or things that we can identify and keep in our archives. There must be hundreds of pictures that we could preserve for the town and make available to family members in the future.

In addition to our annual bake sale at the close of the Memorial Day exercises each year, we should like to remind you that we offer the following items for purchase to help further the work of the Society. They are available during regular business hours at the Town Clerk's Office and at the Bittersweet Antiques Shop in Cornish Flat.

- * *Revolutionary War Papers* -- General Jonathan Chase,
- * *History the Town of Cornish*, Volumes I & II (1975 reprint) -- William H. Child,
- * *History of Cornish, New Hampshire*, Volume III -- Barbara E Rawson,
- * *A Brief History of Cornish, 1763-1974* (1991 reprint with Supplement), Hugh M.

Wade. The Supplement describes and illustrates the town's four covered bridges, its four historical highway markers, and its recent town buildings. It also provides an index of Cornish Residents from 1961 to 1974; a list of everyone who lived in town but was excluded from the genealogies published in the two most recent town histories,

* *Footprints of the Past; Images of Cornish, New Hampshire, and the Cornish Colony*, a book that complements the material contained in the four previous books about Cornish's past,

* Cornish Windsor Covered Bridge note paper, postcards, tiles, and sterling silver and bronze medals.

Our meetings are always open to anyone who would like to attend. Furthermore the Society welcomes new members who share our interest in the town's past.

Jim Atkinson, President
Betty Caterino, Vice President
Bernice Johnson, Secretary
Beth Lum, Corresponding Secretary
Hannah Schad, Treasurer



Bernice Amy Fitch (Helen Lovell's mother) posing for Louis and Annetta St. Gaudens
Photo courtesy of the Cornish Historical Society

CORNISH FARMER'S MARKET 1997 REPORT

The Cornish Farmer's Market concluded its second season with a holiday sale held at the Meetinghouse in Cornish Flat on December 12-13. Regular weekly markets were held Saturday mornings from May 17 to October 25, 1997 on the Green in Cornish Flat across from Art's Community Market. Local producers sold plants, vegetables, flowers, baked goods, jams, pickles, sauces, wood products, fruit, rabbits, wool and knitted items, herbs, maple products, and Bernie Johnson's world famous donuts. The market was a wonderful opportunity for new residents and "old timers" to meet, talk and share a cup of coffee.

The Farmer's Market would like to thank the Cornish Conservation Commission for its funding of the materials needed to build a sun and rain shield. The structure is made of aluminum poles which are set up each market day and covered with strong canvas tarps. Our thanks to Larry Dingee who fabricated the aluminum parts, and to Rev Wightman who laid out the base with precision. Many thanks also to Art LeClair for letting the market use the Green across from Art's Community Market.

In 1998 we plan to have our first market on Saturday, May 16 and continue into October. We would like to encourage anyone interested in growing or preparing foods for the market to participate. The Market hopes to provide an outlet for farmers of all types to produce items which generate added income for them. Farmers can leave samples of hay or firewood, for example, and need not be present all morning as others will collect orders. We also hope to have enough extra garden produce to be able to share with needy members of the community. For information call Suzanne Lupien.

A longterm goal of the Market is to encourage continued local production of healthy foods. Towards that end we would like to encourage children, or groups of children or teens to grow or make products for the market. It can be a great learning experience and a source of cash for our future farmers. For information call Henry Homeyer.

NH/VT SOLID WASTE PROJECT 1997 REPORT

1997 saw many changes for both the Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District and the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District. Most notably, a concerted effort was made during the budget process for fiscal year 1998 to lower the tipping fee and create an economic incentive for delivery of trash from the member towns to the incinerator. This effort recognizes the dual obligation of the Districts - to ensure responsible management of the trash generated within the Districts, and to also meet their financial obligations. In the absence of a single, unified approach to guaranteeing delivery of trash for energy recovery by the Claremont plant, increasing the economic incentives for haulers to voluntarily deliver the trash was the next best tool available to us.

Several operational changes were also made during 1997. The most significant change occurred at the landfill in Newport, New Hampshire. In early December, additional tarps were placed on the open surfaces of the landfill. Leachate results from rain water running through the body of the landfill, and covering the surface of the landfill is anticipated to significantly reduce the amount of leachate. It is anticipated that this will result in substantial savings for the collection, transportation and disposal of the leachate.

The year has been similar to many others, however, with regard to legal activities. During 1997 a substantial amount was spent on legal services, but the outcome will benefit all the members of each District. The single most significant issue to be resolved this year was the Acworth case. The New Hampshire Superior Court has determined that Acworth failed to properly withdraw from the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District, and is therefore still a member. A trial is set for early February 1998 to determine the calculation of damages, which is the single remaining issue.

Looking toward the future, the Districts have successfully reduced the operating budget for 1998 by approximately 28%, down to \$3.17 million from \$4.4 million for 1997. This was largely due to the retirement of bonds and other non-recurring obligations. A new collections and credit management policy has been approved, which will be implemented with the new year and it is anticipated to be helpful in recovering significant portions of the existing receivables. Every effort continues to be made to find ways to minimize costs and remain fiscally responsive to the Districts.

On a more personal note, the last six months have been a professional pleasure for me. The collaborative spirit of the towns has been both refreshing and motivating. The challenges that remain are significant, but the opportunities for resolution make the challenges exciting. I would like to specifically thank the members of the Executive Committee and the individual representatives for their support, cooperation and encouragement, and I look forward to working together during the coming year.

Mary E.S. Williams
Project Director

SULLIVAN COUNTY REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT 1997 REPORT

In 1997 the Wheelabrator incinerator tipping fee was reduced to \$51 per ton of trash, down from a high of \$100. This reduction came about because national trash hauling companies bought out local haulers and threatened to dispose of SCRRDD trash in sites other than Wheelabrator, unless the tipping fee was reduced to a maximum of \$51.

These hauling companies contend that federal law permits private haulers to take our trash to the disposal site of their choice. Indeed, this could happen at any time because the \$51 arrangement is only verbal, not contractual. Wheelabrator, on the other hand, claims it has the right to bill the Town for disposal of all Cornish trash even when our trash may be disposed of elsewhere. Cornish taxpayers are caught between a rock and a hard place. In the short term, I recommend more recycling.

Also in 1997, after five years of intensive study the US EPA identified trash incinerators as the leading source of mercury pollution in the United States. Both N.H. and Vermont Health Departments have issued advisories warning children and women of child-bearing age against eating fish from our lakes and ponds because the fish are contaminated with mercury. The New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers voted at the 1997 annual meeting to study and take action on this major problem. The US EPA reported that most mercury pollution is deposited within 60 miles of the incinerator that emits it.

Dioxin contamination was found last year in sludge at waste-water treatment plants in Windsor and Springfield, VT. Leachate from the Newport ash landfill, where Wheelabrator incinerator ash is dumped, has been sent to both the Springfield and Windsor treatment plants, suggesting a relationship with the dioxin.

In November, lead levels in leachate samples from the Newport ash landfill exceeded hazardous levels, prompting concern within the NH Department of Environmental Services and the Region 1 EPA headquarters in Boston. Although Wheelabrator ash is dumped in this ash landfill, the public, including the Town of Cornish, owns the dump.

During 1997 a number of Cornish residents told me they oppose the transmutation of the trash into air pollution, and hope that federal and state governments will withdraw Wheelabrator's operating permits. I share their concern, and I encourage everyone to recycle more.

William E. Gallagher
District Representative
SCRRDD

VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE 1997 REPORT

We are very grateful for the continued support Cornish provides to help VNA meet the home care and hospice needs of its community members. Here are some crucial points to consider regarding the importance of funding VNA programs in your town.

- VNA services are available to persons of all ages and all economic means.
- Hospital discharge planners and attending physicians work closely with VNA to decide a course of treatment for each home health care patient.
- Our VNA staff from the Windsor Regional Home Health Agency Branch provides skilled services for people who:
 - are recovering from surgery, have an acute illness, or disability
 - require long term care
 - need support and symptom control during a terminal illness
- Town funds help provide care for people who do not have adequate insurance or the ability to pay.

Changes in health care systems nationally are placing the very heart of patient care responsibility in the hands of home care agencies. VNA is pleased to help ensure a health care safety net for the people of Cornish.

The following services were provided in the Town of Cornish during the past year:

Visits 7/1/96-6/30/97:

Nursing	878
Physical Therapy	25
Speech Therapy	62
Occupational Therapy	7
Social Services	9
Home Health Aide	777
<u>Homemaker</u>	<u>52</u>
Total Visits	1,810

Flu Clinic Attendance: 37 persons

On behalf of the patients and families we serve, thank you for your continuing support.

Elizabeth J. Davis, RN, MPH
Chief Executive Officer

SULLIVAN COUNTY HOSPICE, INC. 1997 REPORT

We at Sullivan County Hospice are requesting \$250 from the Town of Cornish. Sullivan County Hospice has been in existence since 1984. We are a volunteer agency, governed by a 12-member board of directors, all of whom reside in Sullivan County.

Our goal and purpose are to provide practical and emotional support to terminally ill patients and their families within Sullivan County. The majority of our patients are home hospice patients. They have decided to remain at home under the care of their families and we provide most of our services in that setting. However, we are flexible enough to follow and serve patients and families in the hospital or nursing home setting as well. Our volunteers are fully trained in areas such as death and dying, active listening, universal precautions, and grief. A few of the ways our volunteers might provide practical support include respite for caregivers, running errands, light meal preparation. These volunteers provide emotional support to both the patient and the family by being available to them, by listening, reassuring and encouraging.

Our referrals come from doctors, nurses, visiting nurse associations, discharge planners, and from family members or patients themselves. Our only requirements for service are that the patient be terminally ill and that they reside in Sullivan County. We accept all referrals on that basis and there is never a charge for our service.

In addition to providing volunteer services Sullivan County Hospice offers a bereavement support group and a cancer support group. Each of these groups is open to anyone. We maintain a loan closet with walkers, commodes, and other equipment that is useful in the home setting. These are loaned at no charge and in some cases this service helps considerably to keep out of pocket expenses lower for the patient. All of these services are available to the residents of Sullivan County.

We thank you in advance for your consideration. We hope that you will continue to support our work with your financial contribution, as we continue in our efforts to support the terminally ill and their families in Sullivan County.

Annie Alcorn, Director
Sullivan County Hospice

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY SERVICES INC. 1997 REPORT

Southwestern Community Services would like to thank the residents of Cornish for your continued support of our efforts to serve the needs of our local communities. During the past year we have delivered a variety of direct services to 103 citizens of the Town of Cornish. The value of these services totaled \$24,627. These were comprised of Head Start, Women Infants & Children (WIC), Fuel Assistance, Weatherization, Eldercare, and The Commodity Food Program.

It is due to the local support which we receive that we are able to conduct the outreach necessary to deliver these services. SCS welcomes any comments or inquiries and invites you to call and schedule a visit to our offices to learn more about what we are all about.

Sincerely,
David W. Osgood, Deputy Director

COMMUNITY YOUTH ADVOCATES, INC. 1997 Report

Community Youth Advocates, Inc. provides a variety of services to Sullivan County's youth and their families. We are available to surrounding communities through information and assistance and provide outreach services to families with youth in need of services. Our Diversion Program, which is approved by both Newport and Claremont District Courts, is also available to Sullivan County's Police Departments. Diversion offers a youth, who is a first time offender, an opportunity to wipe the slate clean. It is the Diversion Committee's goal to hold the youth responsible and accountable for their actions and to educate them through contracted recommendations. This is an alternative to costly court intervention. We are pleased to have three volunteers from Cornish on our Sullivan County Youth Court Diversion Committee.

We also coordinate a Community Service program which connects youth with local community sites to perform obligated Community Service hours, as assigned by the local Police Department, court or as a contracted recommendation through Diversion.

We continue to offer the Challenge Course which is a 15 hour structured curriculum addressing youths "at risk" of substance abuse. This program educates, encourages youths to self assess and offers referrals if necessary. We work closely and collaborate with many other local agencies in providing services for youth. We offer many different educational components for youths such as workshops on volunteerism and Juvenile Justice and the Step Forward Program. The following are statistics for FY 97: Diversions: 65, Community Service Hours: 1,600, Youth Contacts: 1,200

Respectfully submitted,
Regina DeBoer

STOUGHTON HOUSE, INC 1997 REPORT

In 1997 Stoughton House, Inc. served 96 meals in our dining room and prepared and packaged 534 home delivered meals (a total of 630 meals) to members of the Cornish Community.

In March 1997, Stoughton House signed an Affiliation Agreement with Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center; this agreement enables both facilities to expand their services to the communities we serve while maintaining our individual autonomy and leadership from our respective governing Boards. We began construction and renovation of the Evarts House built in 1797; this historic home will offer "shared housing" enabling the elderly and handicapped to retain their independence in gracious and beautiful surroundings. Construction and renovation of Stoughton House will begin in 1998 to improve residents' living areas; Stoughton House will remain a licensed residential care home.

We are proud of the meals we serve, excited to be able to offer health care choices and housing options to the people entrusted to us and privileged to be of service to you.

Nancy A. Worden
Administrator

UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION 1997 Report

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission is a voluntary association of 31 towns. The Commission is concerned with the development of comprehensive plans for beneficial and balanced economic, environmental and social growth in the Region. It functions as a research, resource, and informational agency, and when appropriate, acts to obtain Federal, State and other approvals, grants-in-aid, loans and similar assistance for individual member towns and for the Region. The Commission provides technical assistance to member communities in the areas of planning (land use, transportation, water quality, etc.), mapping, community development, grantsmanship and grant administration. In addition, regional studies, such as our Regional Transportation Plan, and regional projects such as household hazardous waste collections and the Connecticut River Scenic Byway Study, are undertaken to the benefit of more than one community.

In the past year, services such as our Planning Board training series and library, which features maps, planning resources and US Census data, were available to all of our member communities. Cornish residents have taken advantage of some of these services.

In 1996 our work specifically for the Town of Cornish included:

- Provided model biosolid spreading and telecommunications ordinances.
- Provided information about regulations related to short-term logging operations.
- Discussed scenic byways with the Planning Board.
- Completed traffic counts on Dingleton Hill Road and at two locations on Center Road and Town house Road.
- Maintained geographic information system data for Cornish.
- Organized two regional household hazardous waste collections and arranged for participation of Cornish residents.
- Provided information on communication towers.
- Researched and provided home occupation definitions and standards.
- Compiled area and population data for Upper Valley Land Trust.
- Applied for funds to assist with implementation of the Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan.
- Answered Planning Board questions about the definition of abutters.
- Provided a copy of excavation regulations based on RSA 155-E.
- Obtained and processed data to develop town-wide composite GIS soil type map and plotted a copy for the Town.

Our Commission looks forward to serving Cornish in the coming year.

J. Cheston Newbold
Cornish Representative

CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

MT. ASCUTNEY SUBCOMMITTEE

1997 REPORT

The Mt. Ascutney Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions has completed its *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*, a project which has occupied the Subcommittee for four years. The CRJC presented the plan to Governor Dean and Governor Shaheen on the banks of the river in July.

Produced by citizens from the riverfront towns in our region, the plan carries recommendations regarding water quality, fisheries, habitat, recreation, agriculture and forestry, historic and archeological resources, and future land use. All of the recommendations in this plan were reached by the consensus of the Subcommittee's diverse membership, which included citizens who could speak for agriculture, riverfront landowners, local business, local government, conservation, and recreation. Therefore, it was impossible for one interest group to drive the decision-making process.

Copies of the plan have been provided to town officials, including each selectman, planning commission and conservation commission members, and its contents are now or will soon be under discussion. The town library and school also have copies. It is the Subcommittee's hope that the town will adopt the river plan as an adjunct to the town's own plan, once town officials and citizens have had a chance to learn more about it. The plan offers many opportunities for the town to improve or maintain the quality of the Connecticut River. Nothing in the plan can become effective locally until the town acts upon it.

In addition to recommendations for the town to consider, the plan also makes recommendations to landowners and state and federal agencies for ways they can help keep the Connecticut River the valuable resource it now is, and to improve it where possible. In October, local representatives from the Subcommittee met with federal and state agencies to guide them on how these agencies could be most useful to the Connecticut River in our region.

The Subcommittee continues to meet and to advise the states of Vermont and New Hampshire, the federal government, and the Connecticut River Joint Commissions on other local matters affecting the River, such as bank stabilization, boating access, and permit applications for river-related projects.

The Mt. Ascutney River Subcommittee, formed in January, 1993 under the NH Rivers Management and Protection Act, includes citizens nominated by the selectmen of towns on both sides of the Connecticut River, from Hartland to Rockingham, VT, and Plainfield to Charlestown, NH. The Subcommittee, like the CRJC, is advisory and has no regulatory powers. All meetings are open to the public and take place on the second Tuesday of the month from 7-9 pm at the Windsor House. Citizens are encouraged to attend and contribute their ideas, and those interested in serving as a member should contact the selectmen.

Cheston Newbold, Commissioner
Jeremiah Evarts, Member
Mt. Ascutney Subcommittee

SULLIVAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL 1997 REPORT

The following is a report on the activities of the Sullivan County Economic Development Council for the year 1997. Highlighted are:

- A. Access and financing of a new 9,000 sf manufacturing facility in Charlestown for Optical Solutions, Inc. This is a hi-tech firm specializing in the production of high-end optics. The project creates 15 new positions for Sullivan County.
- B. The creation of project "Clearinghouse" represents the County's attempt at accessing more and better qualified employees to meet the growing demands of the local businesses. This process gives local industry access to the Department of Defense's Web site seeking "discharged" personnel from the armed forces.
- C. SCEDC has been successful in joining seven area banks together to agree to finance "high risk" projects within the County. This pool of money is currently funded at \$650,000;
- D. SCEDC's Business Assistant Coordinator has finished surveys with about 70% of the County's businesses. The results to date reveal the creation of 430 new positions and the addition of another 101,000 sf of taxable facilities.
- E. We have filed a Community Development Block grant for the Claremont Foundry, Inc. in the amount of \$450,000 to add electric generating equipment and add another 47 jobs at the Foundry.
- F. Secured the pertinent information and assisted in the Community Development Block Grant process with the Town of Charlestown to access a grant in the amount of \$500,000 to fund the construction of a new access road into CEDA Park. This is backed by the support of both Precision Assembly Corporation and Design Standards Incorporated who pledged future job creation and plant expansions to meet the leverage needs of the grant process.
- G. Our referrals and coordination with the Small Business Development officer which SCEDC funds here in our office has worked with more than 40 new and developing businesses within the County. Many of them will eventually come in for financial assistance or advise from SCEDC.
- H. SCEDC continues to work with the Trout Lily Co-op project in Newport. We believe that this project has great merit and tremendous potential for the intended service area. It is also our intent to apply for another Community Development Block Grant to aid this group in its start-up financing needs during 1998.
- I. During 1997, SCEDC worked with over 22 new, expanding and interested businesses make determination on the future directions of their companies as they affect Sullivan County. Some of those will expand here or locate here and some will never finalize.

Our efforts in accessing good paying jobs and the creation of additional tax base seems to be paying off. Best wishes for a prosperous New Year.

Stephen A. Marro
Executive Director

REPORT TO DISTRICT ONE CITIZENS

By Raymond S. Burton, Councilor - District One

It is a pleasure to report to the people of District One, which consists of 98 towns and four cities here in northern New Hampshire. The Council acts much like a board of directors at the very top of your Executive Branch of your New Hampshire State Government. We confirm gubernatorial nominations to many regulatory, advisory and governing boards and commissions within the Executive Branch of your government. We also confirm gubernatorial nominations to the entire Judicial Branch of the New Hampshire State Government, approve contracts to outside agencies, businesses, municipalities and individuals and a host of other duties.

A good list of phone numbers for citizens to gain information throughout this district to have on hand would be the following:

Aids Hotline	1-800-752-AIDS
Children, Youth & Families	1-800-852-3345
Consumer Complaints, Utilities	1-800-852-3793
Consumer Complaints, Insurance	1-800-852-3416
Disabilities Assistance	1-800-852-3345
Elderly & Adult Assistance	1-800-442-5640
Fuel Assistance	1-800-552-4617
Emergency Assistance	911
Employment Opportunities	1-800-852-3400
Job Training Information	1-800-772-7001
NH State Library	1-800-499-1232
NH State Police	1-800-525-5555
NH Tech. Community Colleges	1-800-247-3420
NH Help Line (24 hour)	1-800-852-3388
NH Operation Game Thief	1-800-344-4262
NH Veterans Council	1-800-622-9230
NH Corrections Dept.	1-800-479-0688
NH Dept. of Labor	1-800-272-4353
NH Housing Authority	1-800-439-7247
NH Higher Educational Ass't	1-800-525-2577
Headrest Teenline	1-800-826-3700
NH Independent Living Found.	1-800-826-3700
NH Charitable Foundation	1-800-464-6641

It is a pleasure to serve you as one of your public servants. My office is at your service.

Raymond S. Burton, Room 207, State House, Concord, NH 03301 603-271-3632

REPRESENTATIVE MERLE W. SCHOTANUS 1997 REPORT

The 1997 session was a productive session both for our state and me personally. After much political shadow boxing and dancing to establish party pecking orders, the House got down to business and turned out some very constructive legislation. The \$5.5 billion biennial budget represents about a 3.1% increase in state general fund spending but increases the money going back to cities and towns by over \$80 million. Qualifying towns will receive additional dollars in Augenblick educational formula funding, school building aid, per pupil kindergarten funding, and catastrophic education funding. They will also receive increased Meal and Rooms tax revenue sharing and added environmental, bridge and highway funding. Although it did not include funding for a new prison, the \$64.3 million general fund capital budget will provide for additional buildings or improvements for the University system, the Glenclyff home for the elderly, the Supreme Court and several other state building projects. For the first time, this budget includes emergency building repair funds which heretofore had to be appropriated on a piece-meal basis; and a mandatory requirement that all new computer purchases be approved by a central office of information technology to insure the state's computer network is coordinated. Information technology purchases by the state are expected to total over \$50 million during the biennium.

My first year as clerk of the Public Works and Highways committee was busy, and quite productive. I assisted in crafting the capital budget and was able to concentrate on many bills of interest to District 3 constituents. I was very pleased to work with my colleague from Cornish, Representative Peter Burling, and other sponsors to pass the landmark bipartisan Kindergarten incentive bill which is already producing great progress toward providing kindergarten for all New Hampshire five year olds. I also had the pleasure of co-sponsoring the repeal of the ancient and unenforceable 1848 abortion laws. Other bills that I sponsored or helped to pass dealt with diabetes insurance coverage, river corridor management plans, snowmobile registration fees and trail grant-in-aid programs, and forest landowner estate taxes.

In the 1998 session I will co-sponsor a bill with my colleague from Sunapee, Representative Richard Leone, to help protect Sunapee's water supply, and will be working on solving the very serious problem of prison overcrowding as part of my Public Works Committee duties. My hope to concentrate on other issues will be completely overshadowed by the fallout of the recent Supreme Court decision regarding educational funding. The decision has caused substantial political upheaval, but it should not come as a surprise. The state legislature and certain political leaders have been sidestepping the issue of adequate state support of education for years. It was an issue in 1985 in my first term when the legislature adopted the Augenblick formula of educational funding in response to a threatened court challenge. The funding formula was a good one, but never proved successful because the state has continually refused to fully fund it. This and the filing of the so-called Claremont suit in 1991 have made educational funding an issue of debate in every legislative session since then. The one-year time limit placed on the legislature to resolve this sticky issue simply tells us that "it is now time to either fish or cut bait!"

I believe the problem of constitutionally acceptable education adequacy and funding can be resolved in a way that benefits both the children of this state and the communities and individuals responsible for providing it in a positive and equitable manner. I reject the notion that a constitutional amendment alone will solve the problem. Any solution will impact the five towns of District 3 in different ways. The court's ruling provides legislators a unique opportunity to consult with their constituents to define educational adequacy and to find a way to pay for it. We have pleaded for constituent input before without much success. Now it is imperative that the Schotanus, Burling, Leone team hear from you on this issue. You can reach me in several different ways: a note or letter to me in Concord at the House of Representatives, Room 201,

LOB, Concord, NH 03301; or at home in Grantham at 28 Sugarwood Lane, Grantham, NH 03753. You can reach me by phone in Concord at 271-3565 or in Grantham at 863-2293; or by fax at 863-3539; or by E-mail at hmshtot@srnet.com. Please let us hear from you.

Representative Merle W. Schotanus
District 3, Sullivan County
Grantham

REPRESENTATIVE PETER HOE BURLING 1997 REPORT

As many of you already know from a recent letter I mailed out, this past year has been a very productive one in the New Hampshire House of Representatives. The House was able to accomplish many things that have a direct benefit to the State of New Hampshire. The governor's kindergarten plan, which we passed is helping to make kindergarten available to all our five-year-olds.

The House of Representatives also passed a budget that is not only honestly balanced, but wipes out the \$40 million deficit we were faced with at the start of this session. The budget provides unprecedented aid to New Hampshire cities and towns - a 40% increase in overall education funding. It also meets the needs of our people. We have raised the money to fix our roads and we've done so without enacting a broad-based tax.

In the coming session, we are facing a monumental and wonderfully challenging task - namely, complying with the Supreme Court's order to change the way we fund public education, making it fair, and therefore Constitutional. I am confident that whatever solution is agreed upon will be fair and equitable, and I will work diligently to ensure that small towns like ours are served well in the process and in the final outcome.

I am very optimistic that we can continue moving our state in the right direction in the coming legislative session. I will do my best to keep you informed about our progress during the year.

Very truly yours,

Representative Peter Hoe Burling
Cornish and Plainfield
District 1, Sullivan County

Births Registered in the Town of Cornish

For the Year Ending December 31, 1997

Date Of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
01/08/97	Claremont, NH	Rines, Luke Tanner	Emery William Rines	Virginia Mae Clow
03/05/97	Claremont, NH	Linowski, Samuel David	Stanley David Linowski	Catherine Marie Johnson
05/12/97	Lebanon, NH	Hier, Jaime Helen	Gary Lovejoy Hier	Pamela Jeanne Black
06/03/97	Cornish, NH	Homer-Richardson Mary Rose	Kevin David Richardson	Deborah Lois Horner
10/24/97	Claremont, NH	Rondos, Madison Renae	Keith Ernest Rondos	Toni Lynn Beam

I hereby certify that the above accounting is correct,
according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Reigh H. Rock, Town Clerk

Marriages Registered in the Town of Cornish For the Year Ending December 31, 1997

Date Of Marriage	BRIDEGROOM		BRIDE	
	Name	Residence	Name	Residence
02/15/1997	Scott Conrad Demary	Cornish, NH	Michele R. Willett	Cornish, NH
03/20/1997	Harold J. Acuna	Cornish, NH	Jessica Ann Stevenson	Cornish, NH
05/23/1997	John Gordon Cushing	Cornish, NH	Harriet Cora Siliski	Cornish, NH
06/08/1997	Michael James Boutlier	Cornish, NH	Jean Marie Bernazzani	Cornish, NH
06/14/1997	Thomas Alonzo Spaulding	Cornish, NH	Janice Marie Derman	Cornish, NH
06/21/1997	Scott Austin Slayton	Cornish, NH	Barbara Anne Slayton	Cornish, NH
06/21/1997	Jeffrey Scott McNeil	Weathersfield Bow, VT	Rayneac Shery Nation	Weathersfield Bow, VT
06/27/1997	Frederick Wilhelm Covell	Weathersfield, VT	Gayle Christine Heim	Cornish, NH
06/28/1997	Keith E. Rondos	Cornish, NH	Toni Lynn Mardanes	Cornish, NH
06/28/1997	Paul Andrea Cortese	Somerville, MA	Heidi Shaban	Somerville, MA
08/09/1997	Stephen Synnott Sloan	Norwood, MA	Erin Kathleen Rowland	Norwood, MA
08/09/1997	Kevin Mark Fortier	Blue Bell, PA	Suzanne Thomas	Blue Bell, PA
08/17/1997	Peter Charles Krugman	New York City, NY	Jamie Karin Miller	New York City, NY
09/13/1997	Robert Clifford Kibbie	Cornish Flat, NH	Carrie Ann Spaulding	Cornish Flat, NH
10/17/1997	Joseph Douglas Carlton	Somerville, MA	Jennifer Lynn Paul	Somerville, MA
10/23/1997	Jeremy Westgate Pierce	Cornish, NH	Jennifer Ellen Tremblay	Cornish, NH

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Reigh H. Rock, Town Clerk

Deaths and Burials Registered in the Town of Cornish For the Year Ending December 31, 1997

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Name of Father</u>	<u>Maiden Name of Mother</u>
11/21/96	St. Johnsbury, VT	Tyrrell, James	Oscar Tyrrell	Lillian Hildreth
12/19/96	No. Conway, NH	Ekberg, Orvar Nils	Gustav Anton Ekberg	Alma Nielson
12/28/96	Cleveland, OH	Levey, Emily T.	Joseph Tierney	Josephine Pinkham
12/28/96	Windsor, VT	Weld, Carl C.	Daniel Weld	Elizabeth Sturtevant
01/05/97	Newport, NH	Smith, W. Seymour		
01/05/97	Newport, NH	Witham, Florence Mariam	Perl Salisbury	Dorothy (Unknown)
01/14/97	Newport, NH	Kenyon, Mattie O.	Arthur Walker	Lula Bixby
02/01/97	Newport, NH	Johnson, C. Herbert	Charles Johnson	Lillian Lambert
03/03/97	Windsor, VT	Young, Gerald Anthony	George Abel	Stilla Walker
03/21/97	Unity, NH	Hills, Bradford Tefft	George E. Hills	Dorothy Tefft
04/23/97	Claremont, NH	Clow, Olga Sadonsky	Wasil Sadonsky	Anna Kuchka
05/03/97	Newport, NH	Combs, Raymond Earl	David Combs	Sarah Deuso
05/18/97	Claremont, NH	Putnam, Katherine Mary	Walter Parkinson	Catherine McNutt
05/18/97	Newington, NH	Stewart, Roy D.	John Stewart	Bertha Melica
05/22/97	Windsor, VT	Stanley, Maude Alice	Robert Earle	Ruth Hatch
05/27/97	Lebanon, NH	Cushing, Harriet Cora	Earl R. McNamara	Berdona Richardson
06/06/97	Lebanon, NH	Monette, Pauline	Joseph Tierney	Josephine Pinkham
09/20/97	Windsor, VT	Downing, Marshall Francis	Marlin Downing Sr.	Elinor Trow
09/26/97	Camden, ME	Yatsevitch, Gratian M.	Michael G. Yatsevitch	Margaret Thomas
12/16/97	Lebanon, NH	O'Rourke, Michael Patrick	Charles P. O'Rourke	Marie Bailey

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Reigh H. Rock, Town Clerk

Annual Report
of the
Cornish School District

March 1998

Officers of the School District

Clerk	Kathryn Patterson
Treasurer	Brenda Jordan
Moderator	George Edson

School Board Members

Theresa Scott	term expires 1998
Richard Thompson	term expires 1999
Katherine Freeland	term expires 1999
Ray Evans	term expires 2000
Myron Kuhre	term expires 2000

Auditors

Plodzick & Sanderson

REPORT OF THE CORNISH SCHOOL BOARD

January, 1998

In response to the School District's request to vote directly on its Agreement with the Cornish Education Association, the School Board has negotiated a three-year agreement which has been put out on a separate warrant article. Each time we attend conferences or workshops sponsored by the New Hampshire School Board Association and hear tales of acrimony between other boards and unions we are struck by how fortunate we are to have such a respectful and conciliatory relationship with our teachers. Our agreement is the envy of other teacher's associations and school boards, and a great deal of hard work and trust went into crafting such an exceptional document.

The teachers have agreed, once again, to switch medical insurance carriers, saving the School District \$14,855 in the 1998-99 year alone; in fact they suggested it. Not only are the rates of the new carrier, School Care, less expensive than those of our current carrier, Matthew Thornton, but School Care negotiates each year with insurance companies for the lowest increase available on the market. The School Care rates increased 9% from 1997-98 to 1998-99, while the Matthew Thornton rates increased 22.4%. Even more advantageous to the School District, School Care has negotiated a cap of 9% for increases for the second year of the Agreement, 1999-00, and the teachers have agreed to an arbitrary cap of 12% for the third year, 2000-01 (School Care may come in with an even lower cap).

We negotiated a 4% salary increase for the first year of the Agreement, and 3% for the second and third years, which is the only salary increase given the teachers; Cornish teachers may be the only teachers in New Hampshire who do not get an automatic step raise. The extra percentage point in the first year is to help ease the transition from Matthew Thornton to School Care, which may require adjustments for those people who are under the care of Vermont doctors.

So what does this mean for Cornish taxpayers? It means that if we approve the new Agreement, we will pay additional salaries of \$22,059, \$17,206, and \$17,722 in the years 1998-99, 1999-00, and 2000-01 respectively. These amounts are offset by estimated health insurance savings of \$14,855, \$24,412, and \$35,056 in those same years. Overall, we are expecting the district to realize a net savings of approximately \$10,000, without considering payroll taxes.

The School Board maintains that it is essential that our teachers continue their own education, and strongly supports staff development. In light of the fact that the new teacher's agreement could save the district money, the Agreement increases the amount the district supports staff development by \$2000 (\$6,000 for the three years of the contract).

The School Board strongly encourages you to support the new collective bargaining Agreement. It is an eminently fair document, both to the teachers and the school district. We are proud to put it before you today.

High school tuition has been a matter of concern for much of the year. In September 1997 the Cornish School Board wrote to the Claremont, Windsor, and Hartford school boards to request proposals to reduce our increasing regular tuition costs. Hartford initially declined to make a proposal, citing the uncertainties of Act 60 on their funding. Since we learned in February that the tuition to Hartford High School has increased from \$5,950 to \$6,800 due to requirements in Act 60 we wrote to the Hartford School Board again asking that they reconsider our request.

Windsor did not respond to the initial request, but the board wrote again in January, and hopes to hear back in time for the district meeting and hopes to amend the high school regular tuition line down.

The Claremont School Board made the following offer: if 50% of the current eighth grade class attends Stevens in 1998–99 (followed by 50% of each succeeding class until 50% of all Cornish high school students attend Stevens), Claremont will reduce tuition for all students by \$300, and will send a bus to the elementary school in the morning and afternoon.

The particular issue which has consumed an inordinate amount of the School Board's and the SAU's time and expertise has been the special education tuition dispute with Windsor. The School Board maintained that the initial bill of \$4,865 for each of eight special education students for 1996–97 was excessive, and was especially concerned that it lacked substantiation. Following months of negotiation, Windsor reduced its bill for 1996–97 to \$3,375 per student, charged \$3,200 per (for six students) in 1997–98 and has proposed charging the same (for seven students) in 1998–99.

In June the Board entered into an agreement with the Hartford School District in which Hartford agrees to accept a combined total of at least thirty-five Cornish students in any school year during the term of the agreement (until the end of the 2001–02 school year). The purpose of this agreement is simply to reserve space at Hartford High School for Cornish students in the event the Hartford School Board finds that it must restrict the number of tuition students it accepts.

The Cornish School Board wishes to acknowledge the resignation, from the board, of Myron Kuhre effective January 19, 1998. We appreciate the valuable contributions Myron has made during his five years of service to the Cornish School District.

Terrie Scott, Chairperson
Richard Thompson, Vice-Chairperson
Kate Freeland, Secretary
Ray Evans
(Myron Kuhre)

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

SAU #6

Although the New Hampshire Supreme Court recently focused the state's attention on educational issues with its decision in the Claremont case, districts with community schools like the Cornish Elementary School have regularly debated and discussed these issues throughout the past year. Through the efforts of the Cornish School Board and the school's administration, issues regarding local control, school choice, educational quality, and school funding have been placed before the public for consideration and discussion. The following are several of the topics and activities that have involved those issues:

- **Committees.** Three committees have been formed this year to consider the school's mission, its facilities, and its educational programming. Each committee included members of the school faculty, the school board, and the public, and each was charged with producing a set of recommendations. The mission committee completed its work first by declaring, "*The mission of the Cornish Elementary School is to educate and inspire each child to reach his or her academic potential, as well as to help each child develop the skills required to be a responsible person.*" The facility committee then faced the welcome task of preparing an application for state funding that would help construct a new kindergarten room. The school has had the need for more space, and the recent state initiative that supports kindergarten projects may help build a new room that will provide some badly needed classroom space. The committee's application will be submitted this winter. The programming committee compared Cornish's program offerings with those of other nearby elementary and K-8 schools. The committee has used those comparisons to prepare recommendations regarding budget requests for new programs that it expects will enhance the quality of Cornish's education.

- **Curriculum.** Efforts to reform and revitalize Cornish's curriculum have been prompted by two sources, the state testing and the curriculum committees of the SAU. The Cornish staff had begun an assessment of its reading instruction several years ago, but state testing results have pointed to the need to address the state frameworks and to design a reading program with a stronger phonics component. The SAU has assembled curriculum committees that are analyzing the demands of the state frameworks and tests in all core subjects, and Cornish staff have been involved in that work as well.

- **High School Placements.** A question arose this year over the special education fees that Windsor High School charged its students from Cornish. By New Hampshire standards, the costs were high although Windsor was simply following the procedures for determining costs that it followed for Vermont students. The problem was caused, therefore, by the absence of laws about interstate school attendance. While trying to contain tuition costs, the Cornish School Board recognized the priority expressed by many in the community for the maintenance of complete school choice for high school students, and it appears that a compromise will be reached about the fees.

- **Budget.** Last year, Cornish voters approved a warrant article for a deficit appropriation to fund unanticipated special education costs. That enabled the district to complete the 1996–97 fiscal year in satisfactory condition. The district has not encumbered any similar unanticipated expenses during the current year, and so the 1997–98 budget appears to be satisfactory as well.

The proposed 1998–99 budget was burdened from the start by a decrease of almost \$60,000 in state foundation aid. Despite that handicap, the board and the administration are presenting a budget and a teacher's contract that will provide quality programming while limiting costs.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael R. Harris
Assistant Superintendent of Schools

STUDENT ENROLLMENT CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Elementary School (1/22/98):

Kindergarten	18	5th Grade	33
1st Grade	19	6th Grade	34
2nd Grade	31	7th Grade	26
3rd Grade	20	8th Grade	22
4th Grade	33	TOTAL ENROLLMENT:	236

Public High Schools (1/14/98):

	CLAREMONT	HARTFORD	HANOVER	WINDSOR	LEB/OX/NEW	TOTAL
9th Grade	6	7	1	14	1	29
10th Grade	4	9	0	11	2	26
11th Grade	3	10	2	3	1	19
12th Grade	3	3	2	2	0	11
TOTALS:	16	29	5	30	4	84

Note: LEB/OX/NEW = LEBANON, OXBOW, and NEWPORT

PRINCIPAL & TEACHERS - Elementary School

Scott Kalter	Principal
Linda Coolidge(0.5)	Kindergarten
Chantelle Orlen	Grade 1
Dawn Crary	Grade 2
Susan Russo	Grade 2
Ruth Schneider	Grade 3
Linda Fuerst	Grade 4
Rosamond Seidel	Grade 4
Henry Ruppertsberger(0.8)	5 Language Arts, Math&Science
Ruth Cassedy	5&6 Language Arts, 5 Soc. Studies
Caroline Storrs	8 Language Arts, 5,6,7,8 Soc. Studies
Ruth Little	7&8 Language Arts, 8 Soc. Studies
Salvatore D'Atri	5-8 Math, Algebra
Sandra Redlands	5-8 Science
Stephanie Karabaic	Spec. Ed.
Priscilla Paul	Spec. Ed.
Drewanne Reed (0.7)	Title 1, reading
Kathryn Mortimer (0.4)	Art
Constance Filbin(0.5)	Guidance
Jan Ranney (0.4)	Physical Education
Molly Bonhag (0.4)	Music
Kathryn Patterson (0.2)	Media Generalist

School Support Staff

Dale O'Connor	Secretary
Scott Bogle	Custodian
Clifton Bennett	Part-time custodian
Ilsa Pinkson-Burke	Nurse
Kathryn Patterson	Librarian
Susan Durant	Speech Therapist
Mary Gilmore	Para – Lower Wing
Rebecca Prue	Para – Upper Wing
Charlene Leonard	Para – Title 1
Linda Santulli	Para – Title 1
Stacy Doney	Para – Special Ed.
Donna Leavitt	Para – Special Ed.
Cheryl Ryan	Para – Special-Ed.
Norma Garcia	Lunch Manager
Patricia Bennett	Lunch Assistant
Margaret Jones	Lunch Duty Aid

School Administrative Unit #6

Robert A. Patterson	Superintendent
Michael R. Harris	Assistant Superintendent
Allen Damren	Business Administrator
Theresa Senio	Director of Special Education
Ann Dieter	Assistant Business Administrator
Carol Amell	Administrative Assistant
Kim Hall	Administrative Assistant
Debra Lafko	Administrative Assistant
Louise Schultz	Administrative Assistant
Penny Derosier	Business Office Clerk
Kelly Poisson	Payroll Clerk
Donald Johnson	Building Technician

CORNISH TUITION STUDENTS

January 14, 1998

CLAREMONT

GRADE 9

Sarah Blair
Nicholas Lukash
Jeffrey Morse
Shannon Prinn
Thomas Sperry
Jessica Zekos

GRADE 10

Devan Chandler
Luke Gendron
Raelyn Howard
Julia LaPlante

GRADE 11

Molly Blair
Jesse Nott
Lukus Tewksbury

GRADE 12

Jessica Laplante
Amanda Lukash
Joshua Pierce

HARTFORD

GRADE 9

Dane DeBoer
Lydia Durant
Cassandra Fitch
Kyle Guillette
W. Benjamin Hucks-Follis
Jeffrey LaClair
Morgan Thompson

GRADE 10

Courtney Amadon
Rebecca Baril
Kevin Caffrey
Sadie Dworak
Jordan Fitch
Jacob Goulet
Jennifer Grace
Meaganne Herrin
Jaimie LaClair

GRADE 11

Randy Baril
Douglas Caver
Edmund Durant
Angela Grace
Brian LaClair
Joshua LeBlanc
Andrew Moriarty
Daniel Proulx
Matthew Wheatley
Kathryn Williams

GRADE 12

Erin Amadon
Sarah DeBoer
Timothy Therriault

WINDSOR

GRADE 9

Elaine Aldrich
Jaime Baker
Stacey Bean
Jeremiah Ferland
Shannon Gray
Daniel Heim
Bobbie Howard
Megan Mordenti
Erik Osterland
Lorna Rabun
Aaron Sharff
Shane Smith
Erika Weld
Jeremy Williams

GRADE 10

Robert Adams
Ronald Adams
Sherry Call
Thomas Drury
Hannah Hammond
Jessica Jones
Robert Kebalka
Jacob LeBlanc
Joshua Neily
Jason Parkinson
Matt Wood

GRADE 11

Rosco Adams
Hannah Birch
Katie Gray

GRADE 12

Tiffany Grenier
Michael Morse

HANOVER

GRADE 9

Jered Condon

GRADE 11

Meghan Bergeron
Barry Williams

GRADE 12

Morgan Atherton
Mathew Cosgriff

LEBANON

Patrick Blair - GRADE 9
Hanna McMinn - GRADE 10

OXBOW

Hayley Keefe - GRADE 11

NEWPORT

Anna Morse - GRADE 10

Eleven-year Enrollment History Cornish Elementary School

	Grade									
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Jan. 1998	18	19	31	20	33	33	34	26	22	236
Jan. 1997	19	29	20	36	32	32	26	24	32	250
Jan. 1996	28	16	35	32	26	25	23	32	26	243
Jan. 1995	16	33	23	25	28	23	33	26	29	236
Jan. 1994	30	25	25	27	22	28	27	27	15	226
Jan. 1993	26	26	27	23	29	25	27	15	27	225
Jan. 1992	25	28	22	30	25	26	14	28	24	222
Jan. 1991	27	27	29	25	25	17	26	20	20	216
Jan. 1990	28	30	26	26	20	25	20	21	12	208
Jan. 1989	37	22	26	21	25	18	23	12	20	204
Jan. 1988	21	25	23	24	21	21	14	19	22	190

The chart above shows an 11-year enrollment history of the Cornish elementary school. The diagonal lines can be used to follow the size of each class as it progressed from grade to grade through the school. The extreme right-hand column gives the total enrollment figures.

The chart below shows the events that caused the enrollment changes to occur. Aging is caused by the graduation of grade 8 students and the arrival of a new Kindergarten class. Moving is caused by families moving into, and out of, the school district.

Analysis Of 11-year Enrollment History Cornish Elementary School

Year	Change Due To		Net Change
	Aging	Moving	
1997-98	-14	0	-14
1996-97	-7	+14	+7
1995-96	-1	+8	+7
1994-95	+1	+9	+10
1993-94	+3	-2	+1
1992-93	+2	+1	+3
1991-92	+5	+1	+6
1990-91	+15	-7	+8
1989-90	+8	-4	+4
1988-89	+15	-1	+14

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

January 1998

Reading and Curriculum

Attention to reading instruction has led the way for staff this year. We have instituted a new reading series in grades K-4, and have spoken to parents and community members at open houses, meetings, and through our weekly newsletters. The whole staff continues to use our State and other testing results to help us make better decisions about how we teach reading, writing, math, science and social studies.

At this point we are relatively pleased with the Scott Foresman reading series we are piloting. The school has received over ten thousand dollars worth of free materials and texts from this company. We have combined this program with many of the best practice methods and strategies that teachers have used for many years. The biggest advantage is that materials are already made and skill sequences are clearly laid out. The program has one of the strongest phonics components in the industry. We hope to carry this program forward to fifth grade next year.

As noted last year, we are not satisfied with the State Test results for the Cornish School. We have met throughout the year to develop a better understanding of the kinds of changes needed to improve these results. Some changes affect curriculum while others address teacher methods and strategies for instruction. We are committed to improvement.

Work has been completed on the SAU math curriculum, and is nearing completion in science, social studies and language arts. These curricula will be presented to the School Board as they are completed.

Strategic Planning

As part of the School Board's strategic planning, three committees were formed in October. A revised mission statement, submitted by the Mission Statement Committee, was adopted in November. It reads:

The mission of the Cornish Elementary School is to educate and inspire each child to reach his or her academic potential, as well as to help each child to be a responsible person

The program committee then spent two months collecting data comparing the Cornish School's program offerings to all surrounding schools. The committee's charge was to examine program offerings at Cornish and make recommendations as to further needs and changes. This report was made to the Board in January.

The third committee was the Facility Committee that was charged with looking at short and long term needs. These needs are determined by program offerings within the school. This group spent most of its early meetings investigating the new Kindergarten construction aid offered through the State of New Hampshire.

Reports from each of these committees will be available at the School District meeting in March or through the school.

SCIP and Community

SCIP, the School/Community Involvement Program (formerly the P.T.O.) has been active this year. Of particular note is the creation of the Fine Arts initiative and the hiring of Kathleen Maslan as its coordinator. Thank you to all who have donated funds to provide a foundation for support.

- The temporary classroom, located behind the gym, has been a great help in making sure there is room for almost all of our middle school classes. We have two more years on the contract. Again, we thank the community for providing this space.

- We have had a wonderful group of parent and community volunteers this year. One of the school's great strengths is this volunteer force that gives so much to our students and teachers. I hear from so many schools how much difficulty they have getting volunteers. We are truly fortunate here in Cornish.

Personally, my appreciation of this community, staff and student body continues to grow. Socrates said, "Pay attention to the young, and make them as good as possible." I look forward to working with each of these groups doing just that.

Respectfully submitted
Scott O. Kalter, Principal

HOT LUNCH REPORT

For the 1996–97 school year

During the 1996–97 school year a total of 19,082 lunches were served. This total includes 14,852 full-priced lunches, 932 reduced-price lunches, and 3,298 free lunches. All free and reduced lunches are subsidized by the federal government.

As our demand for hot lunches increases, we are looking for ways to replace the cook stove in the kitchen which is no longer energy efficient and replacement parts have become harder to obtain. We have applied for a grant to replace the stove through the State of New Hampshire nonfood assistance program. We are waiting to hear if this grant has been approved. This stove has worked hard since being purchased (used), for the opening of the Cornish School in 1954.

Many thanks to all who support and participate in our hot lunch program.

Respectfully submitted,
Norma Garcia.
Lunch Manager

BUILDING MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

January 1998

The Building Maintenance Committee of the Cornish elementary school is now completing its third year. It continues to operate with the charge of overseeing the timely maintenance of the school's buildings and grounds to assure the health and safety of all occupants with the most efficient use of taxpayer funds. The current members of the committee are:

Richard Thompson - Chair
Scott Bogle
Scott Kalter

Dick Baril
Doug Freeland
Dave Wood

During the summer the committee oversaw the renovation of the ceiling and attic of the oldest part of the school, the "upper wing". This was the building improvement that the committee had recommended in Article VI at the district meeting last year. This project was well executed and we are very pleased with the results. If you are interested in how well your tax dollars were spent, feel free to ask any one of us for a tour.

The next priority in the maintenance of the school is the hall and attic of the second oldest part of the school, the "lower wing". This project would be very similar to last year's improvement. Once again it would fix several long standing problems, namely:

- 1) remove ceiling tiles that are a violation of the fire code;
- 2) vastly improve the aesthetics of the hall with the same drop ceiling as the upper wing and moving several plumbing pipes out of view;
- 3) a complete air-vapor barrier with twice the insulation which will hold the heat in, minimize ice damming and prevent pipe freeze up;
- 4) proper soffit and ridge ventilation to further minimize ice damming; and
- 5) structurally sound attic walk way for servicing utilities.

In a continuing effort to correct all fire code violations, the committee has recommended a second warrant article for your approval. This project would provide external egress windows to all classrooms that do not presently have an external exit as required by law.

Sincerely,
Richard Thompson
For the Board

FACILITY STUDY COMMITTEE

January 1998

The Facility Study Committee was created this past November as part of the School Board's strategic planning efforts. The purpose of this committee is to evaluate the needs of the school/community now and in the foreseeable future. The scope was intended to be broad and hopefully comprehensive including: kindergarten construction state aid, day care, year-round schooling, Cornish/Plainfield middle school, art/music room, new site for the Cornish Elementary School, etc. The committee presently consists of:

Richard Thompson - chair
Ray Evans
Jim Jordan
Mark Woodcock

Dick Baril
Scott Kalter
Caroline Storrs
Linda Coolidge

This is a new committee that is still looking for a few more members, especially to gain a broad representation of the community. If you have an interest please contact any of the above members.

Although this group is only a few months old, much has already been accomplished. With the strong incentive of Governor Shaheen's 75% funding of kindergarten construction we have moved quickly to explore the possibilities. There has been a clear need for more space in the school for several years. The temporary classroom installed last summer is only a partial solution to the space crunch and is temporary (scheduled to leave in two years). Even now art and music are in desperate need of a room. We have determined that we do qualify for funding. We have received the generous assistance of Charles Metz (architect of the gym addition), Wayne McCutcheon (designer of the septic system for the abandoned Town Hall expansion), and Don & Scott MacLeay (excavators of much of the school grounds). With the gathering of a broad spectrum of expertise we determined a very suitable site for a kindergarten space.

The kindergarten room could be conveniently locate directly off the back end of the lower-wing (there is even room for further future expansion). Two alterations would have to be made: a hallway to the back between the two classrooms (Ms. Seidel and Mrs. Orlen) and relocation of the aged leach field to the back parking lot (as previously designed for the Town Hall).

The committee has acted swiftly since the state funding is finite and the school's need for space is now. We hope to complete the application for a place in line for state funding soon. We further hope that we will have received official approval from the state before the District Meeting so that this opportunity can be fully discussed by the town and voted upon at that time. With the town's approval in March construction of the new kindergarten space could begin as soon as this summer.

Sincerely,
Richard Thompson
For the Board

**Cornish School District
Debt Payment Schedule**
(data taken from the 1996 and 1997 audits)

Period	Building Construction		Ventilation System	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
1997-98	70,000	10,440	37,000	7,150
1998-99	70,000	5,220	36,550	7,676
1999-00	0	0	36,550	5,757
2000-01	0	0	36,550	3,838
2001-02	0	0	36,550	1,919
Totals	\$140,000	\$15,660	\$183,200	\$26,340

SCHOOL NURSE REPORT

1996-97

I was the Cornish Elementary School Nurse for 18 hours per week for the 1996-97 school year. There were 250 students enrolled.

The medical and social problems confronting students today are becoming increasingly more numerous and complicated. When I first started this job eight years ago, it was mostly headache and bandage problems. The job now requires working with such divergent issues as eating disorders/nutrition counseling, emergency care, child abuse, emotional problems, chronic absenteeism, family problems contributing to poor academic performance, infectious diseases, and individual health plans (IHP) for children with chronic health problems. The administrative and teaching staff are more frequently relying upon the nurse to answer health related questions and to assist them in early detection and referral of students with potential learning problems. Last year there were more than 2000 visits to the nurse's office (this does not include scheduled visits for scheduled medication administration, physical exams, classroom time, or visits to the school secretary's office when the nurse is not on site).

Vision, hearing, weight and blood pressure screenings were done on all students in grades one through eight; and scoliosis (spinal curvature) checks were done on students in grades five through eight. Several referrals were made. All students entering seventh grade are offered a MMR (mumps, measles, and rubella) vaccination free of charge (this vaccination is required by the state). Scalp inspections for lice were done periodically and, once again, no major infestations occurred. However, there were several cases requiring treatment. Unfortunately, lice are becoming more resistant to treatment and increased vigilance is required.

I continue to work with the school guidance counselor in the ongoing development and implementation of a health education program for all Cornish students. Health education is essential to enable students to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to promote healthy lives. I arranged for speakers to come to the school to make presentations on bike and seat belt safety, nutrition and fitness, and brain injury prevention.

Respectfully submitted,
Ilsa Pinkson-Burke, RNC

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT
March 8, 1997**

The annual meeting of the School District of the Town of Cornish, N.H., was held on March 8, 1997, at the Cornish Elementary School. Leland Atwood, Robin Monette, and Ruth Rollins were sworn in as Supervisors of the Checklist by School District Clerk Kathryn Patterson who also swore in Frank Ackerman, Stacy Doney, Lois Fitts, and Sandra Redlands as Ballot Inspectors. Moderator George Edson swore in Kathryn Patterson as Assistant Moderator.

Moderator Edson opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. After declaring a quorum present, he opened the polls for voting on Article 1 and Article II by paper ballot. He called the business meeting to order at 1 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Ray Evans presented former Cornish School student Jeff Ballard with the 2nd annual *Outstanding Young Citizen Award*. The school board gave this award last year and is making its presentation a district meeting tradition.

Copies of the Cornish School District Endowment Fund handout and a Budget Summary sheet were distributed. Persons interested in participating on a steering committee to develop an endowment fund as a way to raise funds for the School District were asked to contact a School Board member. The Budget Summary sheets detailed the additions to revenue and the major areas of increased expenses which are included in the budget.

Ray Evans announced that Alan Penfold had generously spent his time and money to have the poster on display at the back of the gymnasium created from a bas-relief made by 7th grade students in their art class during the 1992-93 school year. The 600 copies of the poster are to be sold as a fund raiser for the Cornish School. The original art work is on display in the library media center.

Moderator Edson then introduced the SAU personnel in attendance, the School Board members, and the election officials.

Article I: (Election of Officers)

There were 288 ballots cast.

SCHOOL BOARD – Ray Evans was elected to a three-year term with 202 votes.

Myron Kuhre was elected to a three-year term with 168 votes. **Curt Wyman Sr.** received 132 votes.

MODERATOR – George Edson was elected to a one-year term with 267 votes.

TREASURER – Brenda Jordan was elected to a one-year term with 264 votes.

SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK – Kathryn Patterson was elected to a one-year term with 268 votes.

Article II: (Official Ballot Voting)

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (Senate Bill 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Cornish School District? **87 YES 199 NO**

Article III: (Hearing of Reports)

Brenda Jordan **moved** that the District accept reports of agents, committees or officers chosen, as reported in the *230th Annual Report*, and pass any vote related thereto. The motion was **passed** by voice vote after a **second** by Ellen Ballard.

Article IV: (Main Budget)

Terrie Scott **moved** that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,043,553 for the support of schools, for the salaries of District officials, agents and employees, for payment of statutory obligations, and to authorize the applications against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State equalization and building funds, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the Selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriations, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the Town. The above amount includes \$1,955,231 for the general fund, \$44,722 for the school lunch fund, and \$43,600 for the federal projects fund. The motion was **seconded** by Brenda Jordan. During the section-by-section review of the budget questions were raised and comments made. The issues of main concern were the increased cost of health insurance, special education costs, guidance services, and supervisory union costs. The motion was **passed** by paper ballot vote with 201 votes cast: 138 yes and 63 no.

Article V: (Deficit Appropriation)

The **motion** was made by Myron Kuhre that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 as a deficit appropriation required to fund unanticipated Special Education costs for the 1996-97 school year. The motion was **seconded** by Bob Ballard. This money is needed to pay for the cost of a residential placement for a special education student. This cost was not anticipated when the School Board presented their appropriation request, which the voters reduced by \$25,000 at last year's District Meeting. Peter Burling asked the School Board to send bills to Senator Judd Gregg for the federal government's share of special education costs and to Governor Jean Shaheen for the state government's share. The motion was **passed** by voice vote.

Article VI: (Building Repairs)

Richard Thompson made the motion that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,483 for attic insulation and ventilation over the oldest part of the school. Jim Borchert **seconded**. Comments were made for and against the appropriation. Richard Thompson explained to voters wanting more details:

- that the removal and replacement of ceiling tile would help bring that hallway up to fire code specifications while improving its current shabby appearance,
- that the insulation of an attic floor, insulation and improvements to the attic ventilation would create a "cold roof" that should cure the ice dam problems currently experienced, put heat pipes within the insulation envelope, and
- that these improvements should save on heating costs and protect the classrooms from further damage.

The motion was **passed** by voice vote.

Article VII: (Portable Classroom)

Kate Freeland made the **motion** to pass over this article. Her motion was **seconded** by Peter Burling and was **passed** by a voice vote.

Article VIII: (Portable Classroom)

Kate Freeland made the **motion**, **seconded** by Peter Burling, that the District vote to authorize the school board to enter into a lease agreement for the purpose of leasing a single unit portable classroom, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,875 for the first year's payment, installation, and utility costs for that purpose. She explained the current overcrowding problem in the middle school of 6 classes with only 5 classrooms, and that the first time this middle school population will drop will be when the current

second grade reaches seventh grade.

Caroline Storrs made the **motion** to amend the main motion to ask that the amount be reduced to \$15,000. Her motion was **seconded** by Peter Burling. This motion to amend was **passed** by a voice vote.

The amended main motion that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the first year's payment, installation, and utility costs for that purpose was then **passed** by a voice vote.

Article IX: (Capital Reserve Fund)

Richard Thompson made the **motion**, **seconded** by Ellen Ballard, that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the school district building capital reserve fund previously established.

Peter Burling made a **motion to amend** the main motion to ask that the amount be reduced to \$2,000. His motion was **seconded** by Bob Demars. This motion to amend was **passed** by voice vote.

The **amended main motion**, that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be added to the school district building capital reserve fund previously established, was then **passed** by a voice vote.

Article X: (Other Business)

Brent Edgerton thanked Allen Damren, the SAU Business Administrator, for his excellent presentation and his expertise. He then stated that we need long-range planning, not crisis management and crisis planning, to solve the maintenance and replacement issues which face the District.

Arthur Bailey stated that we've gotten away from how our founding fathers did things. We've got too many laws and regulations that hinder what we want to do.

Mike Fuerst made the **motion** to adjourn the business meeting at 5:35 p.m. After a **second** by Don Snowdon, the motion **passed** on a voice vote.

Moderator Edson closed the polls at 7:00 p.m. The ballots were counted, and the results were announced.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Patterson, Clerk

Report School District Treasurer

for the fiscal year July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997

Cash on hand July 1, 1996	\$5,908.58
Received from Selectmen (tax monies)	1,662,754.00
Received from Foundation Aid (State of NH)	116,742.22
Received from Kindergarten Aid (State of NH)	9,000.00
Received from School Building Aid (State of NH)	22,500.00
Received from Food Service Funds	30,195.79
Received from Capital (Cornish) Building Fund	16,035.00
Received from Federal Grants	24,948.03
Received from other sources	219,507.72
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	\$2,107,591.34
Less School Board orders paid:	-\$2,115,444.29
Cash on hand June 30, 1996:	(\$7,852.95)

Special Endowment Funds

June 30, 1997 fund balances

James Farley Memorial Fund	(Art & Music - \$2,807.93)	\$3,917.64
Gratia T. Huggins Memorial Fund	(Capital Expense - \$7,509.83)	7,460.08
Eberhardt Award	(Art & Music - \$500)	438.61
Ellsworth Atwood Memorial	(Citizenship - \$500)	392.28
Glen Smith Sportsmanship Award	(Sportsmanship - \$250)	123.49
Harriet Runnals Award	(Reading Excellence - \$1,270)	760.05
James Brewster Fitch Scholarship Fund	(Env/Agri - \$6,873.43)	7,480.03
Peg Densmore Memorial Fund	(History Resources - \$535)*	0
Clarence Williams Memorial Fund	(Sports - \$1,000)	1,179.12
Clarence Williams Memorial Fund	(Resource Room - \$1,000)	1,179.12
Science Discovery Fund	(Science Exploration - \$800)	845.51
Doris Morgan McAuley Fund	(Spelling Excellence - \$930.94)**	938.90
Non-Dedicated Funds	(Unrestricted - \$55.19)***	55.42
TOTAL ENDOWMENT FUNDS		\$24,770.25

* Fully expended at request of fund administrator

** Monies transferred from Vermont National Bank

*** Monies previously held by Trustee of Trust Funds

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Jordan - School Treasurer

School Administrative Unit #6

Salaries/Cornish apportionment

	TOTAL SALARY		CORNISH SHARE	
	1997-98	1998-99	1997-98	1998-99
Superintendent	\$74,900	\$77,625	\$9,640	\$9,990
Assistant Superintendent	62,384	58,633	8,029	7,546
Business Administrator	58,463	58,633	7,524	7,546
Special Education Director	53,148	47,000	6,840	6,049

Note: In 1997-98 the Cornish share was 12.87%. In 1998-99 it will be 12.87%

CORNISH SCHOOL BUILDING FUND

The Cornish School Building Fund is a result of the Capital Fund drive conducted during 1988 to help pay a portion of the cost of the addition to the school. The proceeds of the fund drive, and interest earned on those contributions, have been used to cover the interest payments to date and to purchase some additional items that were not covered in the original contract price.

Reconciliation (June 30, 1997)

Total Pledges	\$357,376
Pledges Paid to Date	326,226
Percentage of Pledges Paid	91%
Pledges Remaining	\$31,150

INCOME

Pledges Paid to Date	\$326,126
Interest Earned	33,360
TOTAL INCOME:	\$359,486

EXPENDITURES

Interest Paid to Date	\$297,802
Equip. Purchases & Misc. Exp.	19,233
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$317,035

Ledger Balance = \$359,486 – \$317,035 =	\$42,451
Bank Balance (Savings 6/30/97) =	\$42,451

On July 1, 1997, nineteen pledges remained unpaid. Several of those are delinquent and may not be paid in full by completion of the fund drive in summer 1998.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Jordan, Treasurer
Cornish School District

The Tasker Endowment Fund

An endowment fund is in the process of being established to further enhance the quality of life in the towns of Cornish, Plainfield, and Meriden. An initial gathering of interested Cornish residents took place at the Grange Hall on Wednesday, September 10, 1997 with about twenty-five attendees. It was then determined that we would join forces with Steve Taylor of Meriden who had just established a fund with identical goals to benefit the three towns. We then met with Alan Cantor of the Upper Valley Charitable Foundation which will administer the fund and establish several initial objectives:

1. Compose a list of volunteers to help get the fund established – the fund becomes a functioning advised Fund when it achieves \$25,000.00 in donations.
2. prepare an informational flyer.
3. Create a list of ten projects that would benefit the communities.

We are currently working on the above list.

Steering Committee
Ray Evans
Brenda Jordan
Steve Taylor

1998 SCHOOL WARRANT
Cornish School District
State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Cornish qualified to vote in the District affairs:

You are hereby notified to attend the Annual District Meeting at the Cornish Elementary School Gymnasium on Saturday, March 7, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. to act upon the articles set forth in this warrant.

Article I of the Warrant will be voted upon by official ballot from the checklist and the polls will remain open for this purpose from 10:00 a.m. in the forenoon until 7:00 p.m. in the evening.

The business session of the School District meeting will commence at 1:00 p.m. in the afternoon at which time the remaining articles will be acted upon.

ARTICLE 1 (Election of District Officials)

To elect a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer for one-year terms and to elect two members of the School Board, one for a three year term and one for a two year term.

ARTICLE II (Long Term Borrowing)

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$176,660) for the purposes of construction of an additional room for kindergarten purposes at the Elementary School; to authorize the School Board to request funds from the Cornish School Building Trust Fund in the amount of each fiscal year's interest due and payable regarding this construction; to authorize the School Board to accept ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY- FIVE DOLLARS (\$121,245) to be paid from the State Kindergarten Building Aid Fund, to be used for the purpose of defraying costs of the foregoing, and to authorize that the remainder of the cost to be raised by the issuance of not more than FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTEEN DOLLARS (\$55,415) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33:1 et. seq.); to authorize the School Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the School Board to invest said monies; to raise and appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND FORTY EIGHT DOLLARS (\$3,048) for the first year interest cost; and to authorize the School Board to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. **(Paper ballot vote – 2/3 majority required for passage.)**

(The School Board recommends this article.)

ARTICLE III (Hearing of Reports)

To hear reports of Agents, Committees or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE IV (Proposed Teachers Agreement)

To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Cornish School Board and the Cornish Education Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Percent	Estimated Increase
1998-99	4.0%	\$26,993
1999-00	3.0%	\$19,494
2000-01	3.0%	\$20,079

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY THREE DOLLARS (\$26,993) for the 1998-99 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

(The School Board recommends this article.)

ARTICLE V (Main Budget)

To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHT DOLLARS (\$2,186,208) for the support of schools, for the salaries of District officials, agents and employees, for payment of statutory obligations, and to authorize the applications against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State equalization and building funds, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriations, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the Town. The above amount includes \$2,098,673 for the general fund, \$43,935 for the school lunch fund, and \$43,600 for the federal projects fund.

(The School Board recommends this article.)

(Supplemental appropriation) ARTICLE VI (Use of Additional Foundation Aid)

To see if the School District will vote to appropriate the sum of THIRTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$13,665), as a supplemental appropriation, such sum received in the 1997-98 school year as additional Foundation Aid, for the purpose of making certain building improvements, specifically attic insulation and ventilation over the second oldest part of the school and the installation of egress windows to meet fire code requirements.

(The School Board recommends this article.)

ARTICLE VII (Building Improvements)

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THIRTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$13,665) for both attic insulation and ventilation over the second oldest part of the school and the installation of egress windows to meet fire code requirements.

(The School Board recommends this article.)

ARTICLE VIII (Foreign Language Program)

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWELVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$12,500) to hire a foreign language teacher for 40% time and to establish a foreign language program at the Cornish Elementary School.

(the School Board recommends this article)

ARTICLE IX (Additional Staff Time)

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000) for increased time for the school guidance counselor (\$4,900) (increased time from 50% to approximately 70%), the school physical education teacher (\$7,000) (increased time from 40% to approximately 60%), and the school nurse (\$3,100) (increased time from 18 hours per week to approximately 23 hours per week) to institute and provide general instruction and programming on adolescent issues.

(The School Board recommends this article.)

ARTICLE X (Additional Staff Time)

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$4,500) for increased time for the school art teacher. This would increase this position from 40% time to approximately 60% time.

(The School Board recommends this article.)

ARTICLE XI (New Personnel)

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$8,783) for additional secretarial office assistance (\$3,039) and hiring one additional educational paraprofessional (\$5,744).

(The School Board recommends this article.)

ARTICLE XII (Other Business)

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEAL AT SAID CORNISH this day of
February, 1998.

Theresa Scott, Chair
Richard Thompson, Vice Chair
Ray Evans
Katherine Freeland
CORNISH SCHOOL BOARD

A True Copy . Attest:

Theresa Scott, Chair
Richard Thompson, Vice Chair
Ray Evans
Katherine Freeland
CORNISH SCHOOL BOARD



ORGANIZATION OF THE GENERAL FUND REPORT

The report on the General Fund (the main operating fund of the School District) contains the following information:

1. **The 1995-96 school year:** The books for this year were closed on June 30, 1996. The actual expenditures were reported in March 1997.
2. **The 1996-97 school year:** The books for this year were closed last June 30. The actual expenditures are published here for the first time.
3. **The current school year:** The books for this year will be closed on the approaching June 30. The budget adopted last March is reported here.
4. **The next school year:** The proposed expenditures for the next year.
5. **The funding changes:** The changes between the proposed budget and the current budget expressed in dollars and as a percentage (where appropriate).

General Fund Revenues (from 1996 audit)

Revenue Source	1995-96			1996-97		
	Estimated	Actual	Excess	Estimated	Actual	Excess
Local Taxes	\$1,550,721	\$1,550,721	0	\$1,583,131	\$1,583,131	0
Local Taxes (deficit appr.)	0	0	0	45,000	45,000	0
Other Local Revenues	2,900	4,603	1,703	2,000	4,015	2,015
State Funds						
Foundation & Catastr. Aid	90,583	87,531	(3,052)	116,741	116,741	0
Kindergarten aid	0	0	0	0	9,000	9,000
School Building A id	24,000	24,000	0	22,500	22,500	0
School Building Fund	21,998	21,998	0	16,035	16,035	0
New Long Term Borrowing	0	0	0	185,000	183,200	(1,800)
Unreserved Fund Balance	13,581	13,581	0	97	0	(97)
Expendable Trust Fund	32,000	27,848	(4,152)	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$1,735,783	\$1,730,282	(\$5,501)	\$1,970,504	\$1,979,622	\$9,118

General Fund Expenditures + New Encumb. Funds – Old Encumb. Funds

Expenditure	1995-96			1996-97		
	Budgeted	Actual	Excess	Budgeted	Actual	Excess
Instruction						
Regular Education	\$1,133,733	\$1,118,875	(\$14,858)	\$1,131,349	\$1,116,546	(\$14,803)
Special Education	114,481	123,953	9,472	194,980	232,099	37,119
Other Instruction	2,100	2,941	841	2,100	2,527	427
Supporting Services						
Guid./Health/Attendance	18,905	16,181	(2,724)	29,339	27,951	(1,388)
Educational Media	21,293	19,847	(1,446)	22,936	24,005	1,069
School Board Charges	10,795	10,890	95	10,839	9,541	(1,298)
SAU #6 Charges	66,543	66,543	0	74,755	74,755	0
School Administration Costs	78,559	70,528	(8,031)	84,518	81,454	(3,064)
Plant Operation	131,391	142,030	10,639	276,138	283,870	7,732
Transportation	50,985	51,349	364	52,515	53,128	613
Other Costs	1,000	1,500	500	0	0	0
Debt Service						
Principal	80,000	80,000	0	75,000	75,000	0
Interest Charges	21,998	21,998	0	16,035	16,035	0
Funds Transferred Out						
Trust Funds	4,000	4,000	0	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$1,735,783	\$1,730,635	(\$5,148)	\$1,970,504	\$1,996,911	\$26,407

CORNISH SCHOOL GENERAL FUND REPORT

February 16 1998

Item	Description	Expended 1995-96	Expended 1996-97	Budget 1997-98	Proposed 1998-99	[Col. 4 - Col. 3] \$	%
(General Fund: page 1 of 5)							
Regular Education							
101	Teacher's salaries-contract	448,798	432,921	460,659	472,203	11,544	2.5
102	Teacher's salaries-substitute	10,412	8,730	6,000	8,900	2,900	48.3
104	Paraprofessionals	19,256	21,595	21,355	21,991	636	3.0
211	Grp. health insurance	55,192	42,563	53,118	59,037	5,919	11.1
212	Dental insurance	3,620	3,024	3,500	3,864	364	10.4
213	Life insurance	1,072	789	886	908	22	2.5
214	Worker's Comp. Insur.	5,100	3,321	4,301	4,438	137	3.2
222	NH retirement	14,853	8,818	12,444	13,429	985	7.9
230	Social security insur.	50,929	38,038	37,331	38,485	1,154	3.1
260	Unemployment insur.	1,341	1,416	812	816	4	
271	Staff development	6,641	6,614	7,000	7,000	0	
441	Equipment repair	4,463	6,214	3,000	5,000	2,000	66.7
611	Supplies	10,592	8,739	11,500	17,750	6,250	54.3
	Exploratory/Enrichment	0	0	0	3,000	3,000	n/a
631	Textbooks	5,806	4,687	5,746	11,600	5,854	101.9
632	Consumable workbooks	2,249	1,057	1,744	4,000	2,256	129.4
741	New equipment	9,353	520	0	0	0	
751	Furniture	1,494	0	750	750	0	
REGULAR EDUCATION TOTALS:		\$651,171	\$589,046	\$630,146	\$673,171	\$43,025	6.8
Special Education							
101	Teacher's salaries - contract	49,902	78,095	80,173	69,651	-10,522	-13.1
103	Tutoring	80	923	1,000	1,000	0	
104	Paraprofessionals	11,290	18,471	21,610	22,827	1,217	5.6
105	Speech Therapy	16,951	14,600	13,653	14,062	409	3.0
200	Payroll taxes & benefits	621	13,847	18,941	29,071	10,130	53.5
271	Staff Development	0	0	0	1,500	1,500	n/a
331	Psychological testing	11,236	12,966	7,000	7,000	0	
332	Psychological counseling	1,288	1,225	1,000	1,000	0	
333	Occupational therapy	7,063	13,041	10,000	10,000	0	
519	Transportation	211	0	200	200	0	

(General Fund: page 2 of 5)						
568 Out-of-district tuition	13,654	7,269	12,000	4,000	-8,000	-66.7
611 Supplies	564	450	450	450	0	
631 Textbooks	242	450	450	450	0	
741 New equipment	745	0	350	350	0	
SPECIAL EDUCATION TOTALS:	\$113,847	\$161,337	\$166,827	\$161,561	-\$5,266	-3.2
Athletics						
108 Salaries	1,000	666	1,000	1,000	0	
200 Payroll taxes & benefits	11	8	100	100	0	
391 Referees	1,530	1,853	1,250	1,600	350	28.0
611 Supplies	400	0	400	400	0	
ATHLETICS TOTALS:	\$2,941	\$2,527	\$2,750	\$3,100	\$350	12.7
Attendance and social work						
Guidance	\$0	\$0	\$50	\$0	-\$50	-100
129 Salaries	12,153	11,950	17,160	12,270	-4,890	-28.5
200 Payroll taxes & benefits	135	3,001	4,075	3,675	-400	-9.8
611 Supplies	90	349	250	300	50	20.0
630 Textbooks	0	247	250	1,000	750	300.0
GUIDANCE TOTALS:	\$12,378	\$15,547	\$21,735	\$17,245	-\$4,490	-20.7
Health						
112 Salaries	3,324	10,937	11,129	11,464	335	3.0
200 Payroll taxes & benefits	40	831	990	1,019	29	2.9
611 Supplies	440	636	450	650	200	44.4
HEALTH TOTALS:	\$3,804	\$12,404	\$12,569	\$13,133	\$564	4.5
Library						
117 Salaries	15,298	18,047	16,306	17,247	341	2.0
200 Payroll taxes & benefits	135	1,818	1,998	2,046	48	2.4
611 Supplies	487	533	600	600	0	
630 Books	2,216	2,339	2,500	3,400	900	36.0
640 Periodicals	407	347	450	450	0	
660 Audio-visual supplies	717	652	745	745	0	
741 Equipment	333	289	275	275	0	
751 Furniture	561	0	0	400	400	n/a
LIBRARY TOTALS:	\$20,154	\$24,026	\$23,474	\$25,163	\$1,689	7.2

Item	Description	Expended 1995-96	Expended 1996-97	Budget 1997-98	Proposed 1998-99	[Col. 4 - Col. 3] \$ \$ %
(General Fund: page 3 of 5)						
School Board Services						
119	School board salaries	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
271	Training and Development	421	492	250	250	0
300	Auditors	2,750	2,750	2,800	2,800	0
381	Legal services	2,222	1,180	3,000	3,000	0
384	Treasurer	400	400	200	200	0
385	District clerk	0	30	30	30	0
386	Moderator	30	15	15	15	0
387	Election Officials	498	415	400	400	0
551	Annual report	750	582	700	700	0
610	Supplies	721	534	300	300	0
811	NHSBA dues	2,098	2,144	2,229	2,296	3.0
	SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES TOTALS:	\$10,890	\$9,541	\$10,924	\$10,991	\$67 0.6
School Administrative Unit #6						
351	Management services	\$66,543	\$74,755	\$81,238	\$83,035	\$1,797 2.2
School Administration						
111	Salary - Principal	51,946	52,500	53,907	56,631	2,724 5.0
118	Salary - Admin. Assistant	13,884	14,841	15,538	16,004	466 3.0
118	Salary - Part time Secretarial	-----	0	0	240	240 n/a
200	Payroll taxes & benefits	745	11,058	14,415	15,778	1,363 9.5
271	Staff development	229	0	400	400	0
532	Postage	674	482	600	600	0
541	Contracted services-advertising	1,289	1,135	1,000	1,000	0
552	Printing	357	335	800	800	0
582	In-district travel	1,170	83	550	550	0
611	Supplies	184	125	275	200	-75 -27.3
801	Principal's fund	0	0	0	1,000	1,000 n/a
811	Dues	50	725	450	725	275 61.1
892	Graduation	0	169	125	175	50 40.0
	SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION TOTALS:	\$70,528	\$81,454	\$88,060	\$94,103	\$6,043 6.9

Operation and Maintenance of Plant

115 Salaries	22,753	28,475	30,896	31,823	927	3.0
200 Payroll taxes & benefits	484	6,961	10,286	11,355	1,069	10.4
340 Building Improvements	0	183,967	11,483	0	-11,483	-100.0
340 Portable Classroom	0	0	15,000	0	-15,000	-100.0
431 Rubbish removal	2,112	1,677	2,850	2,850	0	
432 Lawn work	500	638	500	500	0	
441 Repairs/Maintenance services	23,054	14,733	10,250	13,500	3,250	31.7
520 Property & Liability insurance	5,730	3,895	4,285	4,499	214	5.0
Lease Payments	0	0	0	6,300	6,300	n/a
531 Telephone	3,068	3,264	3,100	3,100	0	
611 Supplies	5,720	3,637	3,876	4,200	325	8.4
651 Natural gas	9,124	-8	1,055	500	-555	-52.6
652 Electricity	18,974	19,511	17,935	19,583	1,648	9.2
653 Fuel oil	4,235	15,120	5,500	15,860	10,360	188.4
741 New equipment	1,987	0	850	850	0	
742 Replacement equipment	49,013	2,000	450	600	150	33.3
OP. & MAINT. OF PLANT TOTALS:	\$146,754	\$283,870	\$118,315	\$115,520	-\$2,795	-2.4

Transportation

513 Elementary school transportation	\$51,349	\$53,128	\$54,091	\$55,714	\$1,623	3.0
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Food service

111 Salaries	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
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Debt Service

830 Principal	80,000	75,000	107,000	107,000	0	
840 Interest	21,997	16,035	20,153	12,896	-7,258	-36.0
DEBT SERVICE TOTALS:	\$101,997	\$91,035	\$127,153	\$119,896	-\$7,258	-5.7

Interfund Transfers (out)

881 Transfer to Capital Reserve fund	\$4,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	
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TOTAL: ELEMENTARY SCH. COSTS:	\$1,257,856	\$1,398,670	\$1,339,332	\$1,374,632	\$35,291	2.6
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(general fund: page 5 of 5)

Item	Description	Expended 1995-96	Expended 1996-97	Budget 1997-98	Proposed 1998-99	[Col. 4 - Col. 3] \$%
High School						
561	Tuition	467,128	531,326	612,382	680,700	11.1
568	Out of district tuition (Spec. Ed.)	6,660	49,925	32,000	33,542	4.8
519	Out of district transport. (Spec. Ed.)	0	0	0	9,800	n/a
	HIGH SCHOOL TOTALS:	\$473,788	\$581,251	\$644,382	\$724,042	12.4
GENERAL FUND TOTALS: \$1,731,644 \$1,979,920 \$1,983,714 \$2,098,673 \$114,959 5.8						

CORNISH SCHOOL NON-TAX REVENUE

General Fund - February 16, 1998

Description	Received 1995-96	Received 1996-97	Budget 1997-98	Proposed 1998-99	[Col. 4 - Col. 3] \$%
Interest Income	1,400	2,563	1,000	1,000	0
Other Local Revenue	15,500	9,918	1,000	1,000	0
Foundation Aid (State)	76,583	116,741	191,896	132,241	-59,655
Kindergarten Aid	0	0	13,500	13,500	0
School Building Aid	24,000	22,500	32,100	32,100	0
Catastrophic Aid	0	0	13,672	9,850	-3,822
SUBTOTAL NON-TAX REVENUE:	\$117,483	\$151,722	\$253,168	\$189,691	-\$63,477 -25.1
Transfer from Building Fund	21,998	16,035	10,440	5,220	-5,220
From Capital Reserve Fund	18,000	0	0	0	0
Bank financing	0	183,200	0	0	0
Energy grant	14,000	0	0	0	0
TOTAL NON-TAX REVENUE:	\$171,481	\$350,957	\$263,608	\$194,911	-\$68,697 -26.1

NOTES TO THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET

A. The interest on the long term debt is paid from the Cornish School Building Fund and so does not affect the taxes imposed on the town. The last interest payment will occur in 1999 when the debt becomes fully paid. A detailed payment schedule is given immediately after the report of the Facility Study Committee.

TAX RATE IMPACT REPORT Cornish School District					
	Actual 1995-96	Actual 1996-97	Budget 1997-98	Proposed 1998-99	[Col. 4 - Col. 3] \$\$ %
Total School Appropriation	1,594,825	1,926,704	1,983,714	2,098,673	114,959 5.8
Plus Deficit Appropriation	11,008	0	45,000	0	-45,000 -100.0
Less Applied Non-tax Revenues	-166,824 ‡	-343,476 ‡	-263,608	-194,911	68,697 -26.1
Less Use of Fund Balance	0	-97	0	0	0
Less Block Grant (Shared Revenue)	-22,544	-23,541	-21,963	-21,963	0
Net Amount (To be raised by taxes)	<u>\$1,416,465</u>	<u>\$1,559,590</u>	<u>\$1,743,143</u>	<u>\$1,881,799</u>	<u>\$138,656 7.96</u>
Assessed Valuation	\$81,741,458	\$82,400,713	\$83,071,660	83,071,660	0
Tax Rate (dollars/\$1000)	\$17.33	\$18.93	\$20.98	\$22.65	\$1.67 7.96%

Editor's Note: The two figures marked with the symbol ‡ in the above table do not agree with the corresponding figures from the preceding *Non-Tax Revenue Table*. The reason for this is not known to the editor.

CORNISH SCHOOL NON-TAX REVENUE REPORT

Special Funds

Federal Grant Fund	Actual 1995-96	Actual 1996-97	Budget 1997-98	Proposed 1998-99	[Col. 4 - Col. 3] \$
ECIA I & II	29,498	22,780	43,600	43,000	0
FEDERAL GRANT TOTALS:	\$29,498	\$22,780	\$43,600	\$43,600	\$0

Food Service Fund

Federal Lunch Reimbursement	8,391	10,036	10,100	10,200	100
State Reimbursement	997	984	990	1,000	10
USDA Commodities	3,454	0	0	0	0
Lunch & Milk Sales	31,141	30,374	33,100	33,100	0
Other Revenues	0	673	0	0	0
From the General Fund	0	0	0	0	0
FOOD SERVICE TOTALS:	\$43,983	\$42,067	\$44,190	\$44,300	\$110

FOOD SERVICE REPORT - Cornish School District

	Actual 1994-95	Actual 1995-96	Actual 1996-97	Budget 1997-98	Proposed 1998-99
Lunch & Milk Sales & Misc. Income	30,456	31,141	31,048	33,100	33,100
Plus State Reimbursement	962	997	984	2,250	1,000
Plus Federal Reimbursement	7,828	8,391	10,034	9,372	10,200
Plus USDA Commodities	2,977	3,454	3,588	0	0
Less Food & milk Purchases	-18,778	-19,846	-21,958	-18,560	?
Less Labor & Benefits	-21,399	-21,053	-23,675	-23,550	?
Less Misc. Expenses	-16	0	-1,722	0	?
Net Profit	\$2,030	\$3,084	-\$1,701	\$2,612	?

Per Pupil Costs Cornish School District

Year	Elementary School		High School	
	Cost/Pupil	Rel. Cost*	Cost/Pupil	Rel. Cost*
1992-93	\$4,457	0.98	\$5,873	0.99
93-94	4,531	1.00	5,913	1.00
94-95	4,632	1.02	5,907	1.00
95-96	5,033	1.11	6,164	1.04
96-97	4,862	1.07	6,759	1.14

The average cost per K-12 pupil in 1996-97 was \$5,347

Note: Rel. Cost = cost relative to the 1993-94 school year

As a result of the New Hampshire Supreme Court decision of December 17, 1997 the New Hampshire legislature is currently in the process of defining an "adequate" education. One facet of the definition will be a per pupil cost. The above table shows the per pupil costs experienced by the Cornish School District since the 1992-93 school year. Special Education costs are included in the figures.

High School Enrollment Predictions

In order to anticipate future costs the Cornish School Board must, from time to time, make predictions concerning future public high school enrollment. These predictions are, of course, based on contemporary enrollment in both the public high schools and the Cornish elementary school. The table below shows how the predictions have compared to reality. The **bold-face** numbers are the actual public high school enrollments, as of January in each school year. The light-faced numbers are the predictions. The data was taken from the annual School District reports to the town.

1992-93	71							
93-94	81	81						
94-95	84	85	84					
95-96	92	92	90	78				
96-97	94	96	94	85	86			
97-98	96	97	102	93	95	84		
98-99	104	104	111	103	105	95	?	
99-00	104	110	106	109	102	?	?
00-01	105	109	98	114	110	?	?

SALARIES, BENEFITS, AND TOTAL COMPENSATION FICA etc. = FICA + W/C + U/C + Retirement Health etc. = Health Insur. + Dental Insur. + Life Insur.

Name	Experience	SALARY			BENEFITS			COMPENSATION		
		1997-98	1998-99	% Incr.	FICA etc.	%	Health etc.	%	TOTAL	% Incr.
REGULAR EDUCATION										
Bonhag (40%)	MA+15	11,391	11,391	0	1,012	8.9	22	0.2	12,425	0
Cassedy (100%)	BA+15	31,846	31,846	0	3,690	11.6	3,124	8.1	38,660	1.5
Coolidge (50%)	MA	21,365	21,365	0	2,489	11.6	6,115	24.4	29,969	3.1
Crary (100%)	BA	24,749	24,749	0	2,877	11.6	6,122	21.1	33,748	2.8
D'Atri (100%)	BA+2	23,000	23,000	0	2,677	11.6	6,118	22.7	31,795	3.0
Fuerst (100%)	MA	36,094	36,094	0	4,178	11.5	4,805	11.0	45,077	1.9
Little (100%)	BA+30	38,825	38,825	0	4,491	11.5	6,149	13.5	49,465	1.9
Mortimer (40%)	BA+15	8,964	8,964	0	1,069	11.9	293	3.0	10,326	2.9
Orlen (100%)	BA	23,796	23,796	0	2,767	11.6	3,109	10.8	29,672	1.9
Ranney (40%)	BA	13,706	13,706	0	1,613	11.8	24	0.2	15,343	-26.0
Redlands (100%)	MA+15	42,731	42,731	0	4,938	11.6	3,145	6.1	50,814	1.1
Reed (100%)	MA	22,438	28,048	25.0	3,256	11.6	54	0.2	31,358	11.2
Ruppertsberger (100)	MA	22,086	24,540	11.1	2,134	8.7	1,441	0.2	28,115	119.2
Russo (100%)	MA+15	31,230	31,230	0	3,620	11.6	336	16.7	35,186	13.9
Schneider (100%)	BA	34,265	34,265	0	3,968	11.6	4,526	10.8	42,759	2.0
Seidell (100%)	MA	38,828	38,828	0	4,491	11.6	6,149	13.5	49,468	1.9
Storrs (100%)	BA+30	38,825	38,825	0	4,491	11.6	6,149	13.5	49,465	1.9
SUB TOTAL		\$464,139	\$472,203	1.7	\$53,761	11.4	\$57,683	12.2	\$583,647	3.3
SUBSTITUTES										

REGULAR ED. PARA.										
Gilmore	7.40/hr 37.5/wk 38 wks	10,246	10,545	2.9	1,250	11.8	3,063	29.0	14,858	6.2
Prue	7.14/hr 35/wk 38 wks	9,217	9,496	3.0	1,129	11.8	3,063	32.3	13,688	6.6
Jones	6.77/hr 8/wk 36 wks	1,892	1,950	3.1	233	11.9	0	0	2,183	3.1
SPECIAL EDUCATION										
Karadaic (100%)	BA+15	32,650	32,650	0	3,783	11.6	3,126	9.6	39,559	---
Paul (100%)	MA	37,001	37,001	0	4,282	11.6	3,134	8.5	44,417	7.5
SPEC. ED. PARA.										
Leavitt	6.70/hr 30/wk 38 wks	7,410	7,638	3.1	691	9.1	0	0	8,329	---
Ryan	8.94/hr 40/wk 38 wks	13,194	13,589	3.0	1,599	11.8	3,063	22.0	18,251	5.7
Doney	6.77/hr 34/wk 38 wks	8,398	8,747	4.2	1,043	11.9	3,063	0	12,853	35.3
New	7.21/hr 30/wk 38 wks	---	8,219	---	983	12.0	3,063	37.3	12,265	---

SALARIES, BENEFITS, AND TOTAL COMPENSATION (continued)

Name	Experience	SALARY		% Incr.	BENEFITS		FICA etc.	% Health etc.	COMPAENSATION TOTAL	% Incr.
		1997-98	1998-99		%					
SPEECH THERAPY										
Durant	18.60/hr 21/wk 36 wks	13,653	14,062	3.0	8.8	0	1,241	0	15,303	3.0
GUIDANCE										
Filbin (50%)	MA 2y	12,270	12,270	0	9.0	2,587	1,088	21.1	15,945	-33.2
NURSE										
Pinkson-Burke	16.76/hr 18/wk 38 wks	11,129	11,464	3.0	8.9	0	1,019	0	12,483	3.0
LIBRARIAN										
Patterson	11.12/hr 28/wk 38 wks	11,491	11,832	3.0	11.8	0	1,397	0	13,229	3.0
Patterson (20%)	BA 8y	5,415	5,415	0	12.0	0	649	0	6,064	0
NOON AIDE										
Guillette		0	0						0	
ATHLETICS										
		0	0						0	
ADMINISTRATION										
Principal	21y	53,907	56,631	5.0	12.8	6,458	7,227	11.4	70,316	6.0
O'Connor	\$308/wk 52 wks	15,538	16,004	3.0	12.9	0	2,072	0	18,076	3.0
Summer	8.00/hr 5/wk 6 wks	---	240	---	8.7	0	21	0	261	---
CUSTODIAN										
Bogle	11.86/hr 40/wk 52 wks	23,959	24,678	3.0	17.3	6,121	4,259	24.8	35,058	5.3
Bennett	6.87/hr 20/wk 52 wks	6,937	7,145	3.0	13.4	14	961	0.2	8,120	3.0
GRAND TOTALS:		\$744,446	\$770,679	3.5	11.6	\$94,438	\$89,483	12.2	\$954,600	1.6

- NOTES:**
- A. Full benefits for Coolidge are grandfathered.
 - B. A 94-142 grant income of \$15,366 is expected to offset some of the Spec. Ed. Para. cost.
 - C. The % increase in total compensation is based on the total compensation published in the 1997 Town Report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

To the Members of the School Board
Cornish School District
Cornish, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the Cornish School District for the year ended June 30, 1997, we considered the School District's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the School District's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the general purpose financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

The following condition was noted that we do not consider to be a material weakness:

CORNISH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FUND (Repeat Comment)

It appears that one individual is responsible for writing, signing, and approving all transactions. No written approval from the Principal was seen for any transactions. We recommend that the Principal sign all checks and approve all transactions within this fund.

We are pleased to report that, during the course of our review of internal controls, no material weaknesses in the School District's accounting systems and records were identified.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

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TOWN OF CORNISH

WHO TO SEE ABOUT WHAT AND WHEN

SELECTMEN

Anne M. Hier, Secretary
Fax - 675-5605

675-5611

Wednesdays 9-Noon

Meet the public 10-Noon.

Fridays 6:30 -8:30 p.m.

Public Meeting

Town Office open Monday – Thursday 9–12 a.m.

Abatements (Property Tax)

Building Permits

Camping Permits

Current Use Applications

Elderly Tax Exemption

Intent to Cut Lumber

Minutes - Planning Board, Zoning Board

Conservation Commission

Other Questions – See Selectmen

Pistol Permits

Property Tax Cards

Property Tax Maps

Raffle Permits

Septic Dig Approvals

Subdivision Applications

Transfer Station Tickets

Veterans Tax Exemption

TOWN CLERK

Reigh H. Rock

675-5207

Mondays 9-Noon, 4–7 p.m.

Thursdays 9-Noon, 4–7 p.m.

Fridays 9-Noon

Last Saturday of Month 9-Noon

Burial Permits

Cemetery Records

Dog Licenses

Dredge and Fill Permits

Genealogy Information

Marriage Licenses

Motor Vehicle Permits

Transfer Station Tickets

Vital Statistics

TAX COLLECTOR 675-5221

Reigh H. Rock

See Town Clerk Hours above.

Property Tax

Yield Tax

Current Use Tax

LIBRARY

Kate Freeland, Librarian

543-3644

**Monday & Wednesday 3-5 p.m.
and 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Last Tuesday of Month 9-11 a.m.

Saturday 10-12 noon

November-April Fridays 6:30-8:30

POLICE

543-0535

GENERAL ASSISTANCE – 675-2295

Connie Kousman - 542-7107